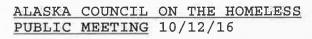
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1		PROCEEDINGS
2		(On record - 1:30 p.m.)
3	BUTCHER:	All right. I'd like to call to order the Alaska
4		Council on the Homeless. New members start on my
5		right. I'm Bryan Butcher (Court reporter's notes).
6	KUIPER:	Good afternoon. I'm David Kuiper. I'm a public
7		member of the Council and I am the associate director
8		with Christian Health Associates.
9	PEARSON:	Hi, everyone, good afternoon. I'm Suzi Pearson.
10		I'm also a public member and I work at Abused Women's
11		Aid and Crises, a Domestic Violence Agency here in
12		Anchorage.
13	JESSEE:	Jeff Jessee, I'm the CEO of the Alaska Mental
14		Health Trust Authority.
15	BURNS:	My name is Randall Burns. I'm the Director of the
16		Division of Behavior Health. I'm here as the
17		Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social
18		Services designee.
19	WILLIAMS:	Hi, I'm Dean Williams. I'm the Commissioner of
20		Department of Corrections.
21	HANZAWA:	I'm Allison Hanzawa. I'm here as the designee of
22		the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.
23	COLLINS:	And I'm Carrie Collins with Alaska Housing. I'm
24		Staff to the Council.
25	BUTCHER:	Okay. And on the phone. Colleen? I think on the



1		phone we have Colleen Dushkin.
2	DUSHKIN:	Good afternoon everybody. This is Colleen Dushkin
3		and I'm with the Association of Alaska Housing
4		Authorities. Thank you for having me on line.
5	BUTCHER:	Thank you, Colleen.
6		Welcome everybody attending today. Before we get
7		into the agenda I'd like to say a few things.
8		The first thing I would like to do is, I don't
9		know if Elizabeth Schultz is in the oh, yes, she
10		is, but I just wanted to thank the Governor for the
11		focus that he has had on the issue of homelessness,
12		as well as the larger issue of affordable housing,
13		senior housing, some of the many areas of real
14		concern in our State.
15		Many of you attended the Governor's Housing Summit
16		earlier this year in January and a lot of what we're
17		working on in the Council and a lot of what the
18		summit is it had a separate breakout track for
19		homelessness, but are much in the same.
20		We've had a lot of positive developments from a
21		funding perspective over the last year that I just
22		wanted to touch on at the beginning to make sure
23		everybody was aware of them.
24		One is the creation of a National Housing Trust
25		which is nationally will be distributing, at least



for this first year, whether it continues on we don't yet know, money to all the states.

We are looking at Alaska receiving \$3 million. And there are pretty strict sideboards on how the funds can be used, but generally the focus is on homelessness or help for the very, very low income and that's a positive.

We've seen more -- and we'll touch on this also a little later today, more Veterans' housing vouchers through the VASH Program and 24 additional we got earlier this year.

And that is really with kudos to the Public
Housing folks of Alaska Housing, as well as the
Veterans' Administration because when states work
better together and have a higher rate of vouchers
used in their state, they actually benefit by getting
vouchers from states that haven't had nearly the
success rate.

So a high success rate in Alaska has seen the last few years us getting more vouchers. And we certainly could use them, so the more vouchers we get, the better.

We've also seen Medicaid expansion and that's another area that we're looking into potentially seeing what value it can bring in the areas of

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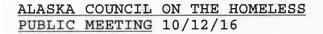
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And lastly, I wanted to point out that a few weeks back Anchorage Economic Development Corporation had a Live, Work, Play meeting. Carol Gore from Cook Inlet Housing invited a group of panelists, Paul Kealey who is the Chief Operating Officer for the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Frank Lange, the Director of Housing for the Saint Nick's Alliance out of New York and Dana Totman president and CEO of Avesta Housing in Maine.

And if you're interested in their -- if you weren't able to attend and you're interested in their presentation, please, contact Carrie Collins and we'll make sure you get copies, but in particular Dana Totman out of Maine had a -- they do a lot of different housing and much of it is Housing First and they had phenomenal results of what they've been able to achieve and reductions that they had seen across the board as a result of the Housing First supportive housing project in Maine.

And so, once again, if you'd like to get some power points or some background or some links on that, please, contact Carrie and we'll be happy to get 'em to you.

That being said, let's move on to Public Comments.





1	COLLINS:	There's a few people that signed up to give public
2		comments. If you could just come up here to the
3		microphones and provide your comments.
4		And then I know there's a couple people that
5		indicated on the sheet, on the sign-in sheet and if
6		not feel free to come up after those individuals.
7	HOUSLER:	My name is Agnus Housler (ph). I'm from the city
8		of Russian Mission. It's a small, rural village,
9		about 320 people. You'll have to forgive me I'm
10		nervous and I'm going to speak from my own personal
11		experience pertaining to homelessness.
12		When a prisoner is released from being
13		incarcerated based on conditions, certain conditions,
14		like, you must find a job or a home and if you have
15		children you must take them back and be responsible,
16		remain sober.
17		Often the parole officers don't follow-up on this
18		sort of thing due to State budget cuts or whatever
19		reasons.
20		Therefore, most of our people will always come
21		back home to us and we live in multi-generational
22		families that are parents, grandparents and people
23		living in most likely two bedroom housing and they're
24		overcrowded in rooms and small. We're not given a

choice because we're not going to turn our own family



away because they have nowhere else to go.

When they're being released, depending on their type of crime that they commit they have certain restrictions they have to follow when they move back home with us. We're also being, kind of, forced to follow those rules because some of them can't have weapons or use alcohol or drugs. Therefore, we're being told in our homes that we must get rid of all the weapons or do not use alcohol or drugs in our own homes.

Out in the rural villages we depend on those weapons to help us provide subsistence food that we rely on. We depend on it for as our way of life.

Suddenly our children are confused because, first of all, their parents are gone. They're incarcerated. They have to come live with parents or great grandparents and they're left alone and being ignored, in my opinion.

And our home we -- just because we take 'em in, the kids don't -- they're not as verbal and they don't speak, but they show emotions, but we, as adults most often don't understand their behavior. Therefore, it causes stress in already multigenerational people living in a home and it trickles

down to everyone else and which causes more conflict.



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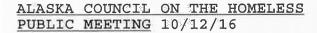
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Sometimes added domestic violence because people are angry in the home and, you know, it just throws us -- our home off balance.

And these homes that the prisoners or the released people come out to are often HUD homes because they're -- that's all the funding we get at a local level. And when we go out and apply for housing at a local level our tribes -- ever since I can remember people who go to jail depending on their crimes are labeled already, felons or misdemeanors or whatever, but they're often labeled and looked at in a different way when they come back to the community, so they're, kind of, separated as a whole, you know, from our village, that also causes some disturbance and hurts us.

We love our families. We're a tight knit family. Excuse me. Are families are struggling because we don't -- we're not -- we don't have resources like you here in the urban areas do that we can go to and say you must live here.

According to your conditions of release maybe you need some alcohol or behavioral health treatment or whatever, out in the rural areas we don't have that. It's not easy to go 'cause, number one, we have no real income. And the resources we do have are in



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Bethel or Anchorage or wherever. It's best wherever people think it's best we should go. It's not easy.

Some of us are -- you know, the people who are being released back into the community or they come home and live with us, there may be, like, three or four families working and there are a couple of the head of households, that those families will be working at the school because that's the main place we get our jobs or the city or the tribe, that's all we have to go or the stores.

And when those people add up -- those bunch of families add up their income and we apply for Medicaid, those are all counted for income in our household. For that one person to apply for Medicaid, you're over income already. You know, we can't get any services, no food stamps, no Medicaid. And we have to rely on that one person's income for the whole household depending on how many people that we have.

Then in the schools, in my opinion, we neglect our own children. When our -- often times the counselors that we have in the village are the school counselors that's they're there year around, but they don't understand fully what's happening at home because no one says.



You know, we've got these kids that are disruptive in the school, but they don't say, well, my mom was up drunk all night or (indiscernible) that's why I'm tired. Who is going to say that. We're all naturally shy and timid people. We're not going to go out and say our grandparents, our parents are drunk and -- no body wants to label their parents like that or grandparents.

So these kids are (indiscernible) need to be recognized. We have feelings. We don't want to be ignored. Small things matter. Ask us how we're doing on a daily basis, not once a week where we're going to be referred to the counselor and that's it.

And then don't focus on that one troubled child or person and not look at who is all living in the house at the time, like I said, maybe two and three families in the home. Just because all the children are not acting out, just that one child doesn't mean there's something happening in the other 20 people -- 20 (ph) children that all together are living in the home.

And often times out there we have single families, single parents that, you know, they go to jail and their children are left with the Uncles and Aunties and grandmas and grandpas in the house and being



ignored because -- and they're -- automatically 1 someone takes them in, but they're feelings are 2 3 stuffed inside and repressed and they think because they're quiet they're okay. 4 So today I'm asking whoever this message comes out 5 to, to think of us in the little villages because 6 7 that's where most of the problems (ph) are coming up with alcohol and substance abuse. And we're just 8 losing too many already (indiscernible - voice 9 lowers) and a little late (ph). They're going to 10 grow up to be the next offenders in our system. 11 Thank you for hearing me. 12 13 BUTCHER: Okay, thank you very much, Agnus. Does anyone have a question or a comment? 14 STEINACHER: Hi, my name is Sue Steinacher. I'm the very part 15 time housing coordinator for the Nome Emergency 16 17 Shelter Team or NEST. And I want to say that as much 18 as I speak out I'm nervous sitting up here and that was one very brave woman who just came and shared 19 some real -- what we encounter a lot that doesn't 20 2.1 make it all the way to a setting like this, so I 22 really applaud her. 23 And I wanted to follow her because I live in Nome which, first of all, a lot of people think Nome's a 24 25 white town. We are more than 60 percent Native and



we are the hub for 15 Native villages in the surrounding area, so I'm really here to speak on behalf of all of them.

And my concern for you is in how we identify and define homelessness. There are enough -- and I apologize to the people who have already heard me say these things, but I'm going to say them again. There are enough households in Anchorage that everybody could take someone home and you wouldn't have a homeless problem any more. That is what happens in rural Alaska.

In Nome our homeless are all driven by alcohol and yet we can't get an alcohol treatment program and yet it's our number one problem. Other than that, families are so severely overcrowded. We're -- I mean, I think a multi-generational family is a healthy thing until it is four families living together under one roof. And there are certainly circumstances of this where each family with their kids gets a bedroom.

Another village I know that families are sleeping in shifts. This is -- and in Nome we have families easily doubled and tripled up. People farming their kids out to other homes because they can't afford a place or find a place where they can have their whole



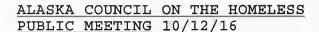
family together.

So -- and she mentioned the problem with barrier (ph) crime. If you have a person living in a household with a barrier crime and people, again, don't want to leave people out in the cold, that household can now no longer be a foster home. We already have a crisis with finding foster homes and this just adds to it. More kids are sent out of region because of it.

But when we have families this doubled and tripled up, kids performance in school goes way down. They are -- you know, there's a higher incidence of domestic violence and child sexual abuse. There are problems with chronic exposure to drug and alcohol use. It's an unhealthy situation that is driving a lot of the homeless problem that eventually tends to make its way to your larger hubs.

And so -- but one, we have virtually no housing stock in rural Alaska. The latest assessment for the 15 villages in the Bering Straits Region not including Nome is that they need 460 more houses and we know that isn't going to happen.

So, one, we have a housing stock problem. And the problem is that it costs more to build because of shipping than places will appraise for, therefore,





nobody is building and a lot of people are not maintaining and we're seeing buildings just slowly rotting away while we have people doubled and tripled up.

So -- but what I would like this group to think about and I've been asking the HMIS system this, the University system this, is could we collectively, even if it can't be counted with the Point in Time, could we collectively come up with a strategy together for a means of assessing the level of overcrowding that is occurring in Bush Alaska, as well as assessing the vulnerabilities that, that's introducing into a culture, a community, a whole region in this state. And is also, again, like I say, driving what's happening with your programs in the more urban areas.

So I just want you to understand the Point In Time is a great tool for certain areas and it does not work at all in many other areas where we obviously have a housing crisis and a homelessness crisis.

So to that end, to continue to beat a dead horse,
I cannot wait under housing vouchers are made
available on a per capita basis in Alaska so that
many of us other communities could at least help one
or two families. Thank you very much.

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1 BUTCHER:

Thank you, Sue. Welcome.

2 CARLSON:

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Hello. My name is Kara Carlson and I'm the interim coordinator of the Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition. And by interim coordinator I mean volunteer coordinator. I was originally in a paid position, but do to budget cuts to the agency that was hosting that position wasn't able to continue to do so and with the momentum we have going right now I have felt it necessary to stay in my current position until we're able to make some changes.

I wanted to talk with you today about the emphasis the State is putting on re-entry service which is fantastic. It's much needed, but I would also encourage you and the State to consider elevating housing and housing crisis that our State and our local communities, especially the balance of state is facing regarding housing issues.

Currently I'm coming from a coalition that's not funded. We have zero dollars for anything. And so when it comes to doing things like the Point In Time count, we don't really have the capacity to do that. I don't have the capacity to organize that myself and we have zero funding or incentive to, kind of, make that happen. Yet, we still find a way to survive and

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do that, but we don't have meaningful data as a result.

And we don't have the ability to meet the needs, say, of the re-entry coalition which is also -- which is trying to implement services for returning citizens in our community, but if those citizens don't have housing which is the focus and the expertise of the Homeless Coalition, then we're not really doing our community any justice.

And so, you know, we've been talking about collaborating and that's something that our two coalitions are talking about doing, but my understanding is, is there's some limitations in the funding for a re-entry coalition to really do that in a meaningful way and so regardless we're still trying to not duplicate services, but housing continues to be a huge priority for the State of Alaska and I would like to see that elevated a little bit as far as what the State is addressing and prioritizing.

And I'm not saying don't prioritize re-entry because that's also needed, but there is some significant overlap in those two services. Thank you.

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Do we have any additional who have signed up, Carrie?

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1	COLLINS:	No.
2	BUTCHER:	Okay. All right. Thank you very much, we
3		appreciate that and we've taken notes on all of that.
4		Good very good points.
5		Next on the agenda we'd like an update from the
6		Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness, Brian
7		Wilson. Is Brian here?
8	WILSON:	Hey, everybody, thanks a lot. My name is Brian
9		Wilson. I'm the Executive Director of the Alaska
10		Coalition on Housing and Homelessness.
11		As I've seen a few of you that were here
12		yesterday, I'm going to try to keep my comments
13		relatively brief. I'm sure there's going to be light
14		applause behind me when I say that because I talked
15		for quite a bit yesterday, but I did want to say that
16		we really enjoy hosting the Governor's Council at our
17		annual conference every year. It's a great
18		opportunity for folks that normally can't make it to
19		your meetings because of our large geographic area to
20		see you in person and participate in public
21		communication, so it's a really exciting thing for
22		me.
23		So I just wanted to talk on a couple of notes of
24		what's new with the conference and the direction
25		we're moving towards right now. We just wrapped up



our COC annual funding program which we submitted our combined application on September 14th. And what's really exciting this year is we received two new applications this year. So we received one from Nome. The Nome Emergency Shelter Team and their program actually landed in our Tier I recommendations.

And then also we received another permanent supportive housing project by No Limits in Fairbanks and we recommended them for our bonus funding. So we won't know the results of this until about a month or two down the line, but we are excited to see that those new programs are out there and that there's an opportunity to add permanent supportive housing beds in our balance of state.

So really where the Coalition is focusing on, kind of, three areas over the next year and you're going to hear a lot of communication from me on that. So we're going to continue our great work and partnership that we've had with the Institute for Community Alliances to make improvements to our AK HMIS data base.

At this time last year it was a completely different story in terms of our data quality and our data completeness and the number of users on our



systems. So we've had over a 50 percent increase in the number of users over the last year thanks to the great outreach that the Institute for Community Alliance has done.

And then also we've improved our data completeness from this time last year was 63 percent which is an F grade in our book to 93 percent when we had to submit our data this last summer, so that is a huge improvement. We're expecting to see that carryover to our overall COC score in the future, so it's really exciting for us.

And on a side note with the Institute for Community Alliance is we have renewed our annual contract with them this last June. And because of their great outstanding work and they're such an asset to our organization statewide they will be locating an office here in Anchorage and have just made two hires of really bright young folks that are willing to spend their time helping our agencies with technical assistance on their AK HMIS systems, ongoing training and they also have a travel stipend in there.

And talking to Adam Smith who's, kind of, the regional director for ICA, he intends for them to have a visible presence in all four corners of that

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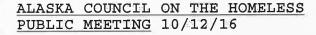


State, so this is a really exciting time for us in terms of the data world because I know there's been some issues in the past and so we're putting those behind us and really moving forward and seeing 2016 as a baseline year for our data going forward.

We're also making a big push for coordinated entry statewide. So coordinated entry system, of course, is where agencies in a geographic area all signed data sharing agreements with each other and use a common assessment tool for when they run into folks who are in need of housing services which then creates one sole data base of names, so basically a vulnerability list per community.

So instead of each agency having three, four, 500 people on their waitlist that's duplicated agency by agency and forcing clients to, kind of, shop around for services, now everybody if they come into any agency will be able to be included on a community wide list.

And those agencies meet on a regular basis to basically allow those who are in the most needed services to access them from the top down. It's a great way for us to track the successes and challenges of our system. And so we'll be able to actually see in greater detail where the needs are



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statewide.

Anchorage just, so to speak, pressed the button on their coordinated entry system in the last month or two which I assume Carmen is going to talk about here soon, but in terms of the balance of state Juneau is anticipating to start their coordinated entry in February, 2017. We're trying for that same goal with Fairbanks.

The Mat-Su Valley is in the process of having their conversations to begin coordinated entry and they'll also intersect with the Anchorage community as well because of their geographic locations, so very exciting.

So -- but one byproduct that we're going to see out of a coordinated entry system, I always say it's not a silver bullet, we're going to have a greater look at the severe shortage of supportive housing in our balance of state. We'll have a better idea of how many units, how many people that we're going to need and where statewide, but we are really supportive of any efforts to increase the capacity of supportive housing statewide.

I know that we're going to be talking a lot about our statewide strategic supportive housing plan and how to move forward with that. The Coalition



supports the work that's being done on that and are participating in a work group that's having those discussions on how to move forward with that.

In addition, we participated in the Mental Health Trust budget planning session a couple months ago and I think that their -- that was an amazing process, by the way. It was really transparent and really well done. It provided us an opportunity to learn more about their focus going forward and I think it's very honorable to be focusing on re-entry.

Again, we believe that re-entry is a three legged stool, you know, and you've got to look at services, you've got to look at income and you definitely have to look at housing. And so I think it's really important for us to continue beating the drum that we need to continue putting resources towards housing when we're talking about re-entry.

There are some local efforts to incorporate correctional institutions and jails with our coordinated entry system to make sure that folks who are exiting are on the by name community list to -- so they can access services, but, again, we do have a severe shortage of supportive housing units for them to go in (ph) and rapid re-housing units as Nan Roman (ph) said yesterday in her plenary (ph) speech.

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So we also have the Point in Time count coming up. I know we heard a couple comments on it. It's always one of those topics where folks are either big fans of it or they have questions about it. It's important to remember what the purpose of the Point In Time count is. This year it is happening on January 24th.

You know, it's a requirement that we have of HUD to do every year and it's an effort to look at those folks who are in the most need of housing. So we're talking about unsheltered population or folks accessing emergency shelters.

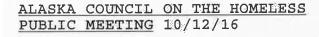
We had a great conversation yesterday with in a meeting. I think Sue Steinacher raised the question, you know, homelessness looks different in different places of the State. We definitely understand that and so those numbers aren't going to be representative of necessarily the community need in rural Alaska.

So we're looking into with the Institute of for Community Alliances since they work with balance of state, COCs all across the nation to identify ways to, you know, look at and obtain data for double up data for folks who are couch surfing or sharing residences to an overcrowding amount and find a way

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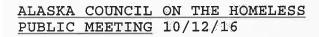


to really show the need of those different 1 communities. It's great to have Sue on our Board 2 She was just elected in. As well, we have Sam 3 Okakok from Barrow who I've been talking with for the last couple of days on ways that we can help draw 5 (ph) a more accurate picture up there as well. 6 So we are -- now that we have an executive 7 director in place, we have a little bit more time to 8 invest in community planning, so -- as needed and so 9 I've been spending a significant amount of time 10 talking with folks from Kenai on how to ramp up their 11 efforts in their Point In Time count. And also, 12 Fairbanks I know that there is a concern about 13 resources available and that's definitely something 14 that the Board is going to address over the next --15 at their next meeting at the end of the month. 16 Okay. Thank you very much, Brian. Do we have any BUTCHER: 17 questions for Brian? 18 19 BURNS: I have one (ph). Yes, Randall. 20 BUTCHER: Do you -- on the coordinated entry system you 21 BURNS: mentioned the -- does that end up becoming a 22 prioritized list then.... 23 Yeah, 24 WILSON:by community? BURNS: 2.5





1	WILSON:	Yeah. So community by community they follow HUD's
2		recommended order of priority for housing and that's
3		pretty standard nationwide and that's what we're
4		we're following that same prioritization statewide.
5	BURNS:	Okay, thank you.
6	BUTCHER:	Any other questions? Okay, thank you very much,
7		Brian.
8	WILSON:	Thank you very much guys.
9	BUTCHER:	Okay. Next I'd like to ask Carmen to come up for
10		an update on the Anchorage Coalition to End
11		Homelessness.
12	WENGER:	Good afternoon. One of the major things I'm going
13		to be talking about today is the partnerships the
14		coalition is leveraging to make sure we're working
15		most efficiency and affectively in the community, so
16		the next item on your agenda is Nancy Burke. We're
17		going to compliment each others' presentations.
18		So a lot of my comments I'm going to try not to
19		repeat anything that Brian said, but we have similar
20		activity going on in Anchorage.
21		We did finalized our COC application. We
22		submitted on September 13th and this round we were
23		able to rank all projects that applied. We didn't
24		eliminate anyone in the ranking round. We have one
25		and a half renewal projects in Tier II and a bonus





project in Tier II, so we'll await the awards from HUD to know what the finalized impact on the community is, but overall we applied for a little over \$3.1 million dollars in our application.

We also have been working to formalized our COC process and make it more standardized and make sure we're bringing our community application to better meet all the requirements put forward by HUD.

We did this year formalized and finalized our policies and procedures, as well as our written standards so we do have that document in place.

And we worked to try to work across agencies. We worked with the Municipality and with AHFC to make sure they could be more community documents. They're not something that we put a lot of effort and energy into and they're only addressing one program. We're trying to make sure that we have uniform community standards, but are meeting the needs of as many programs that receive funding in our community as possible.

And to your point, Mr. Burns, to the question of prioritization, we include prioritization criteria in our written standards. And I will be talking about coordinated entry in a minute, but we follow the HUD Permanent Supportive Housing prioritization criteria,



but we also outlined prioritization criteria for our individual sub-populations for single individuals, for youth and for families for interventions that fall below the permanent supportive housing threshold.

We are fully engaged in the HMIS process. We have -- I'm not going to go through the stats because we fall under all of the information that Brian shared with you, but we are moving forward with our data sharing within Anchorage.

And that's going to be a game changer in a lot of ways to how we're able to access and utilize information, kind of, lowering the over-processing of some of our clients that are seen at multiple agencies, as well as with the changing definitions at the Federal level of chronically homeless better able to find appropriate documentation on our clients as they move between service providers to find the best fit.

Coordinated entry, we -- as Brian said, we flipped the switch on single individuals who do have, kind of, a three part system.

When we started the design period about -- a design process about 14 months ago we decided that we could best meet the needs of our citizens by having,



kind of, three parallel processes that it can be, kind of, cross referred if necessary, but we're trying to meet the needs of single individuals, of families and of youth and because the services available to those populations are distinct and the way you access them are different, we have different access points and flows for each of those.

So our single individuals was started on September 1st. We're, kind of, in a period of adjustment as we, kind of, turn that on and some of the -- I'm sure Nancy will touch on as well, we've had wonderful collaboration and ongoing coordination with our outreach groups spearheaded by Nancy and that's somewhat starting to transition to the coalition, but we have a group including public safety with the Municipality, all of our outreach service providers and we're starting to get buy-in from some of our further partners and come together every Tuesday to talk about that by name list.

For the families we are finalizing -- we just finalized the, kind of, intake packet. And we're a little bit behind the single individuals in launching, but really with the standing up of the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Program and winter coming we're going to really start putting that to

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use soon.

And youth has had a wonderful planning process take place. They were part of the overall design process that the Coalition lead, but Covenant House who is involved in that process wanted to get more partners involved and we just went through a two day planning process specifically for the youth piece of coordinated entry and it's been a wonderful exercise to bring nontraditional partners together.

We had a lot of people at the table that aren't housing providers, but they offer those core services that we know stabilize youth and allow them to stay in housing. And so bringing them into our planning process I think has been very valuable to make sure that we have a successful system that meets all of the needs of our transitionalized (ph) youth.

We're about to launch a new tracking mechanism for progress on our Anchorage Community Plan to prevent and end homelessness. (Indiscernible) presented to this group in May that our plan had been accepted by the Municipality and we did take great efforts to keep it in line with this body's statewide plan and the National Plan of Opening Doors.

So we will have a mechanism that allows us to identify the work being done on each element of the



plan on a monthly basis and that is being reviewed by a joint committee between the Municipality, the Housing and Neighborhood Development Commission Oversight Subcommittee on Homelessness that meets monthly jointly with the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness and so they'll be reviewing that and identifying areas of need that aren't currently being worked on by any specific groups in our community.

Looking forward we're excited to be in the design process for an application for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project. This is a project that's being put out by HUD to identify 10 communities across the nation that will be able to, kind of, set the stage for their next goal of ending youth homelessness.

There will be six awards to urban communities and four awards to rural communities and we have the designation that all Alaskan communities quality as rural, so we're looking forward to putting in a very competitive application for that process.

And probably the biggest, kind of, over-arching piece of our work has been our partnership with the United Way and the Mayor's office and this has really allowed, I think, each of those three entities to, kind of, focus on what we're best on, but make sure

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we're aligned and we're not duplicating efforts, so 1 we're trying to move forward together. And so with that I will let Nancy present unless 3 you want to ask questions before we go on. Let's save it till the end. **BUTCHER:** 5 So, thank you for the time. And as Carmen said, 6 BURKE: it is a wonderful thing to have United Way, the 7 Coalition and the Mayor really focusing on 8 9 Homelessness. And as we talked about before when the Mayor came 10 into office, the information coming in from the 11 public, information coming from APD was that the 12 adult homelessness in Anchorage was becoming a 13 significant issue and frequently people were calling 14 and asking for assistance with that area. 15 So in conjunction with the Coalition as 16 coordinated entry, which was a pretty major planning 17 process was rolling forward, I offered to bring the 18 19 groups that were working together on adult homelessness to initiate ideas and to see, you know, 20 what kinds of things we could do things we could do 21 to address that issue in the community. 22 And so the partnership was, as Carmen mentioned, 23 the Coalition, United Way. The Assembly joined us 24 fairly early. They committed a committee to 2.5



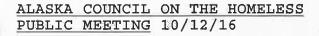
homelessness and then made it a committee of the whole, so we meet every third Wednesday from 11:00 to 12:30 with that committee to discuss homelessness.

And then, of course, all of the non-profit partners that had been at the table and who joined us in the efforts.

These were the goals, we really wanted to look at data collection as we felt that the Point In Time count was serving, you know, certainly the needs of reporting to HUD and some of the community information, but exact information about who wasn't being counted in the Point In Time efforts was of concern because of the feedback from neighborhoods that those folks were probably staying out in camps and, perhaps, not included in the work that was being done around homelessness. So we helped increase the outreach and the data collection in that area and I have a few slides to go through that.

We wanted to try some different coordination and projects, some things that maybe hadn't been done in the community.

We wanted to also understand more about the needs of the people and the Coalition was implementing the vulnerability assessment, so we were able to get out into the camps and conduct that assessment with



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folks. I think there were about 200 vulnerability assessments that had come in through this coordination effort that was ongoing.

And then monitoring the needs and resources and

And then monitoring the needs and resources and then, of course, addressing the question about how will this be permanent and how will be do it. How can we pay for this.

So just to give you -- I'll just go through this quickly and submit this as a report to the Council.

This is the outcome from the August 31st outreach and shelter count. And as you can see there was 157.

We've, sort of, had a two prong approach. We wanted to canvas in the community, so we had 120 volunteers who went out between 7:30 and 10:00 o'clock on that day in 22 different quadrants in the community asking people for information or observing people who refused to be interviewed, so 157 were included in that adult and youth.

Then there were 54 people who came to the Bean's cafe breakfast that morning where we offered surveys and asked for information from those folks. We unduplicated to ensure that those weren't included in our outreach count.

And then we had the shelters, the three main shelters, Covenant House, Brother Francis Shelter and

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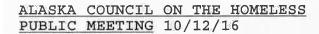
Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission on that day. So all totaled from -- just from that count, there were 527 adults contacted and there were 78 youth contacted for a total of 605.

This was the age distribution of the people that provided us with their demographic information and it's helpful to us to understand that we really do have somewhat of an aging population. We feel that these numbers are representative of the whole 527, although only 123 provided us with age information on that day.

This was a question that the Assembly had asked us, you know, is there some migration from communities? Are people coming to Anchorage because of the homeless services or because of housing and tight times in other communities?

And so we asked the question, when did you move to Anchorage and were you homeless at the time of your move. And you can see here that very few people were homeless at the time of the move when they came to Anchorage. Within 12 months prior to the count only 10 people had moved to Anchorage and six of them were homeless at the time.

And then from those numbers we learned that three were from other communities in the State and three



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If you go a little further out between one and five years you see a few more folks who came to the community, but still not a big proportion of people who were homeless at the time. And, again, there were only 80 people who we were able to get responses from on this question, but we do think it's somewhat representative of the sample.

So having these numbers really allows us to count for the adults and to do for the first time a more targeted, cold weather shelter program. Really to the credit of Catholic Social Services -- and I see Lisa Caldara (ph) here who is the shelter director, to their credit they have been managing with more and more people, with no new money, with tremendous strain.

And, you know, that's one of the things that's frequently mentioned by the community, that there's a lot of people on the campus and we say yes, there are a lot of people on the campus and they're doing a tremendous job managing all of that, but we would like to begin pulling out some of the people from that -- from the shelter and we'd like to pull everybody out and get them the housing. That's the main goal, but there are people -- we have a pretty



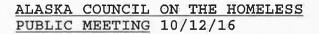
large percentage of folks that are elders.

On one day when Lisa pulled the count there were 67 people who were over the age of 65. And we also know there's a pretty intensive group of people who have had traumatic brain injuries and severe mental illness who are in the population that we'd like to begin targeting very specific resources to those individuals.

So this cold weather shelter plan will not only include trying to account for every soul that shows up for services, but also specialized services for particular populations.

This is just some planning information, but this provides some information about the community commitment that's come forward. The Anchorage Assembly was the first to bring resources to us. They committed \$500,000 in what was probably a one time budget excess. We probably won't see money again, but felt that they wanted to try some of the programs and solution. They were very excited about coordinated entry and so they provided 500,000 in April.

And then in August Providence Health Systems also became invested in the community work and the systems work and provided nearly a million dollars.





Then in October we launched our Pay For Success

Program and I have some documents to provide to the

Council on that program. We'd like to continue

engaging the Council around the Pay For Success

project.

And then just really emphasizing the Federal,

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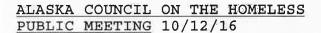
First and permanent, supportive housing to scale. We
know that's a shared goal with the Council.

And the last thing that's recently happened is we've been participating with the Bloomberg (ph)

Foundation's What Works Cities effort and we will be able to participate with other Pacific Northwest communities around planning -- around homelessness and common data, shared data numbers and measures, so that's exciting to us.

I'll just go through these last ones 'cause I know I'm over time. This is what we think the adult system looks like, the percentage of the people who have different needs and what the count -- a more specific data count and coordinated entry allows us to look at specific strategies for each of the people and according to their needs.

And if you think about the (indiscernible) vasperdot -- as being from zero to 17 you see the top



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half of the folks would be, perhaps, 10 and above. 1 These are more permanent, supportive housing programs 2 3 and projects aimed at that population. If you think about the middle population, we feel that more of a treatment, direct to treatment type of 5 approach, sober housing, time limited housing 6 subsidies, vocational rehabilitation, those kind of strategies are effective with that middle group of 8 people in the assessment scale. 9 And then the bottom group is one that would be 10 people like the Work Van Project that we've 11 implemented where we're trying to get people access 12 right directly to -- back to community housing and 13 back to employment. 14 So that's what the increased count provides for us 15 and that's how we're looking forward to working with 16 the Coalition and United Way and our other partners 17 18 over the next year. Thank you very, Carmen, Nancy. Do we have BUTCHER: 19 20 any questions? (Indiscernible - away from microphone) I heard you 2.1 KUITPER: 22 say you would like to engage the Council further on 23 Pay For Success, what do you mean? How do you want to engage the Council? 24 There will be several committees that will work. 25 BURKE:



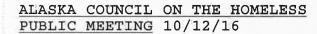
1		There will be committees working on programs in terms
2		of the permanent, supportive housing program that
3		we'll promote.
4		There will also be, you know, representatives from
5		the State. The government is one of the main players
6		in that project and so there are a number of
7		Commissioner level folks on the Council we'd like to
8		present to the Council. We've actually even
9		envisioned a Council Member being part of our
10		Steering Committee.
11		Of course, the Mental Health Trust in one of our -
12		- the Mental Health Trust is a sponsor of the project
13		that allows me to do this work and also a part of the
14		partnership that proposed the Pay For Success, so
15		they'll be in.
16		Alaska Housing Finance Corporation will be one of
17		the primary partners in that project, so I guess,
18		it's anyway you'd like to be involved, we'd love it.
19	KUIPER:	Well, so my question what as you'd envision the
20		time line what does it look like? Is it between now
21		and the next time Council Meeting that you are
22		looking for engagement from some of these Council,
23		from some of us
24	BURKE:	Yes.
25	KUIPER:	between now and then. So you would put an



1		ask to the Council, is that how it will work?
2	BURKE:	Yes.
3	KUIPER:	Okay, thanks.
4	BUTCHER:	And maybe I can jump in a little on this.
5	BURKE:	Sure (ph).
6	BUTCHER:	We had a gentleman up from Boston last week. We,
7		meaning, you know, the United Way and the Pay For
8		Success, who had a number of meetings. Came over and
9		met with us at Alaska Housing. You know, I know the
10		Mental Health Trust is involved. I know Elizabeth
11		Schultz from the Governor's office had a meeting
12		there as well.
13		And so there were, kind of it was, kind of, an
14		introductory, here is who we are. Here is how this
15		works. Let's all discuss how this can move forward
16		because one of the main points of it is every state,
17		every city is different. And so there's no specific
18		plan that another state could come in and say, here's
19		the plan, follow this and you guys are good.
20		It's going to take getting to know all aspects of
21		the community and of the players and then determining
22		okay, this worked in Massachusetts. We think it can
23		work in Alaska. This didn't work in Massachusetts,
24		but maybe it can work in Alaska, so we're really just
25		at the very front end of it.



1		Do we have any other questions? Randall.
2	BURNS:	I've still got (ph) a question, but actually might
3		really be to Brian (ph), but maybe you all could
4		answer it, too. And it really has to do I've been
5		thinking about as we've been you know, the State
6		is involved in this 1115 waiver and data is going to
7		be so important to us.
8		And I'm can you just could someone describe
9		where we are now with the actual data collection and
10		how successful we feel that it is and how valid
11		because we're really going to need to be able to show
12		the data and use that data when we make our case for
13		providing a lot of these services for the homeless
14		both (ph) and I think it would be good to know, I'd
15		like to have a little bit of understanding of how
16		that data is working now and what we're collecting
17		and I apologize, I don't really know?
18	BUTCHER:	Do you want to come up Brian?
19	WILSON:	(Indiscernible - away from microphone)
20	WENGER:	Well, I can, yes. We were conferencing on on
21		the order you were going to get information. So as
22		far as HMIS and I will let Brian talk more about
23		the full balance of state.
24		For Anchorage, we have been working very
25		aggressively to increase the data quality. We've, as





Brian mentioned in his report, the support from ICA our data quality is going up significantly. What I would remind the Council of, especially if you're looking for specific data points, the earlier we know what you're looking for, we can make sure that, that information is going in.

The data base, as with any data collection mechanism is only as good as the information that comes in, so if we're not tracking the information you need to get out, nothing we do to splice and dice it is going to get you what you need.

So from our reporting requirements and from the ways that we're using the information for our Federal reporting requirements, it's quite good. It's improved significantly and we're having a lot of really great participation.

Expanding out from that with data sharing and the way we're coming on line with coordinated entry, we're seeing the engagement of new partners. People who aren't federally required to enter, non-traditional providers, so we're getting a new set of information. And those -- we have the benefit of those organizations starting at a high data quality level because we're not allowing poor entry to happen.

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That being said, again, if we're not getting 1 information from the right people, we're still not 2 going to be able to get you what you need. So if 3 there's specific data that the Council is going to 4 want at any point, the earlier you tell us, the 5 better, but we are starting to use it in new ways, so 6 that, kind of, data clean-up happened in advance of 7 us needing it for our coordinated entry efforts, so 8 that we could make sure that we could trust it when 9 10 we start using it. 11 BURNS: So if -- who would I -- just have them contact you for the Anchorage, would that be the most sense? And 12 Brian for the rest of state, would that be the most 13 appropriate way? 14 15 WENGER: Absolutely, yeah. 16 BURNS: Okay. Do you have any additional comments for balance of 17 WENGER: 18 state? Yeah. Really just echoing what Carmen said, 19 WILSON: 20 again, if you were to ask that question last year, I'd have a much different answer, but I'm really 21 confident in the quality of our data that we have 22 We're able to provide a count. Just need to 23 make sure what metrics you're looking for. And as we 24 25 go down this road the quality of data is actually



going to improve in a couple of ways. 1

> One, our greater capacity and new partnerships through a coordinated entry system.

And then secondly, you know, right now in the balance of state we only have 16 communities total that are providing data to our data set, so we have a pretty good understanding in those 16 communities, but as we continue our outreach then we're really going to start to see where the migration is happening in our State and the specific needs of each community.

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Thank you very much.

BUTCHER:

Yeah. And you really, kind of, hit the nail on the head with some of the issues that we've dealt with where -- and this is a nationwide problem with trying to get accurate enough data to determine how successful you're being, not just the difficulty of getting the data, but the fact that the definition of homelessness changes by community and sometimes is updated -- I mean, excuse me, by organization agency and sometimes it's changed, you know.

As an example one definition of homelessness might be somebody sleeping on somebody else's couch is homeless. Another definition of another agency is

that person is not homeless. And so it becomes very



complicated because sometimes it apples and oranges 1 2 just between two agencies. I'd just like to add one thing, that the Assembly BURKE: 3 in Anchorage has asked for (microphone cutting out) 4 data point because the data points coming from the 5 Point In Time -- once we have the HMIS system, we can 6 pull usage data, but there's also other information 7 of where people are hitting different systems, so 8 they've asked for balancing data from sleep off, 9 perhaps, from emergency departments and so it depends 10 on what type of data you're looking for. 11 There's another additional piece that the 12 Assembly's asked for and that is the financing 13 structures, where the pinch points are in terms of 14 how Medicaid works in permanent, supported housing, 15 what kinds of support, rental subsidies are needed, 16 so those kind of data points may come from the local 17 communities as well. 18 19 BUTCHER: Okay. Do we have any other questions? Okay. Thank you very much. 20 Next we'd like to have an update on Federal 21 Programs from Colleen Bickford. 22 Hi, good afternoon. Can you hear me? Well, 23 BICKFORD: again, Colleen Bickford. I serve as HUD's field 24 office director for the Anchorage HUD office. 25



have one field office in -- roughly one in every 1 state, so one here in Alaska. 2 I just -- I want to appreciate all of you serving 3 on this Council and nice to see new faces and 4 appreciate your commitment to this. 5 This, for us, is an opportunity to listen and 6 learn and boy, lots of progress. 7 It's also an opportunity for us at HUD here in the 8 local office to help collaborate on challenges and 9 barriers that come up and that sort of thing. So 10 with that said I want to just say a couple of words. 11 We're a funding agency. Most of HUD's funding 12 that comes into Alaska is administered by our key 13 partners, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the 14 State Department of Commerce, Community and Economic 15 16 Development, the Municipality of Anchorage and the 229 Federally recognized tribes that receive 17 entitlement housing funding from HUD, much of which 18 is administered by their tribally designated housing 19 entities which are the Regional Housing Authorities. 20 21 So there are some other grants as well, but that's most of the affordable housing funding, so we really 2.2 23 appreciate the partnership and the good work that all

For the purposes of our update, there's lots of

of those partners do with the HUD funding.



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great, deep coverage on how HUD funding is being used in the housing conference as well as today, so I'm not going to spend time going into lots of detail.

We're available to answer any questions offline any time, but I do want to -- I'll just briefly mention HUD's funding award since your last meeting in May.

Some have been mentioned, but let me just say that

Some have been mentioned, but let me just say that HUD and the Department of Justice jointly funded and awarded that Pay For Success demonstration -- permanent housing demonstration award that Nancy just mentioned, Nancy Burke, for re-entry populations, 1.3 million to United Way for Anchorage and Mat-Su.

HUD awarded a family self-sufficiency grant to
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for families that
are assisted with the Housing Choice Voucher Program,
267,000.

We awarded another to Fair Housing Initiatives program awards to the Alaska Legal Services for about -- for 425,000. That's where education, outreach, investigations, fighting housing discrimination.

I think Bryan mentioned this in the introduction, another 24 VASH vouchers were awarded to AHFC for the good work they do in the partnering with the VA.

And then the National Housing Trust Fund, AHFC has been designated by the Governor to administer that

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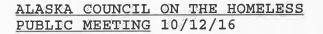
and that targets very low income, three million. And my understanding is that you're in the process of applying right now.

So I just want to -- those are examples of the, you know, diverse kinds of awards that doesn't even included the entitlement funding that comes into the State for affordable housing. And congratulate all of the folks in this room and others who worked hard on those applications and good job on the success of getting funded.

The only policy updates -- update I want to mention and there's been a great session on it is HUD's new final rule on equal access to housing and services regardless of gender and this effects many of the community planning and development programs that help prevent homelessness.

And lastly I just want to take this opportunity to thank lots of the partners here in the room for -- in June we had an entourage of HUD principals that came to Alaska to focus on two things really, on how HUD's public and Indian housing programs were delivered here and climate change impacts because HUD has a seat at the table of the Arctic Executive Steering Committee.

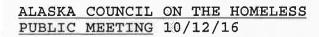
So this was a week long of stakeholder meetings,



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1		tours, site visits in five different diverse
2		communities; Anchorage, Bethel, Newtok, Fairbanks and
3		Alaktak (ph). Tours were lead by Cook Inlet Housing
4		Authority and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and
5		by AVCP and Interior Regional Housing Authority in
6		those regions.
7		Bryan Butcher and Nancy Burke co-convened a
8		session on homelessness in Anchorage. These are
9		really important opportunity to highlight what we do
10		well in Alaska, collaboration and leveraging and
11		educate those policy makers in Washington D.C.
12		So I just wanted to take this opportunities to
13		thank the partners I've mentioned and many others who
14		are in the room or on the phone who also did a lot of
15		work to help make their visit a success, so thank you
16		very much.
17	BUTCHER:	Thanks, Colleen. Do we have any questions for
18		Colleen?
19	BURNS:	I just have one if I can. Is the National Housing
20		Trust Fund something that you're funding?
21	BICKFORD:	Yes, it is.
22	BURNS:	And so the three million, it's essentially three
23		million, it will be coming to the State?
24	BICKFORD:	Yes, it will. It will be going through Alaska
25		Housing Finance Corporation, um-hum.





1	BURNS:	And what is the timing do you think on that
2		(indiscernible)?
3	BICKFORD:	You know, I don't know if I know the timing. Do
4		you know the timing?
5	REED:	It's linked to the Alaska Housing Finance
6		Corporation submission of the State's Annual Plan and
7		they have submitted that and we've asked for some
8		clarifications and changes, so we're working on that
9		right now. Whether it makes this round of AHFC's
10		competitive funding that's in process right now, I'm
11		not sure if it's going to make that, but if it
12		doesn't make that it will make next years, so that's
13		my understanding of where we are right now.
14	BURNS:	Okay, thank you.
15	BUTCHER:	Do we have any other questions for Colleen or
16		Carma? Okay, thank you very much.
17		Okay. United Way update.
18	BROGAN:	Good afternoon. My name is Sue Brogan. I'm with
19		United Way of Anchorage. I wanted to give you a
20		quick update on Alaska 211.
21		To Mr. Burns' point about data collection, today
22		we have 970 different statewide providers that have
23		committed to helping build out our resource data
24		base. And we have about 300 different resources
25		currently in the data base.



What you're looking at is our 2015 Annual Report. And just to highlight a couple of new things that we're doing with this statewide data collection system that we have that we've all been partners to build.

The first is now for the second -- third open enrollment period actually, we have a health care navigator inside of the call center. And so when individuals call Alaska 211 they can get connected directly with somebody that can either enroll them in health care, enroll them in Medicaid, Denali Kid Care.

And when we were testing the model that we were testing was, you know, is this a viable way to immediately connect a caller with a service beyond the 211 structure. And if you look at the Alaska -- or the Anchorage stats down at the bottom in the highlights you can see there was a 33 percent increase in connection around health care.

Kenai Peninsula there was a 16 percent. Mat-Su had a 13 -- or an 18 percent. So it's a viable way to not only use the 211 system to connect, but then also to further figure out navigation systems.

The other really exciting nuance that we've introduced is with the Recover Alaska Resource Center

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project. This is placing another specialized opportunity within out call center to connect callers with services and treatment for alcohol and substance -- substance abuse and mental health referrals and resources.

We were doing that anyway, but the new component to that is that within our system we have the ability to flag every referral that we make for that particular taxonomy category, so substance abuse and alcohol, mental health. And so now we flag those referrals and we do a mandatory follow-up call and if the caller agrees to this. And so what that is now creating is a picture about how that subset is navigating to services or not.

And so a quick story. And so we had an individual that called us that was looking for the location of AA meeting for their spouse. And the information referral specialist gave them that referral and asked them if they could do a call back. The caller said that sure, you can call me back. So it goes into a queue and it get -- you know, it gets programmed and scheduled.

And so when we did the call back what the information referral specialist discovered was the spouse who was calling on behalf of their spouse,

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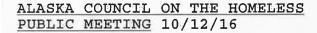
that spouse had changed their mind and they weren't ready to go to an AA meeting, but through the course of that conversation the information referral specialists was able to offer a subsequent referral to the spouse for an Al-Anon meeting, so that's the new work of Alaska 211.

So we're also more engage in community planning efforts. We've been at the Mat-Su. I have been up there the last three weeks as their -- as the Mat-Su Health Foundation is looking at how -- alternative uses for their new building.

So, you know, 211 was there not only as a data experience, kind of, sharing here's what we know about the Mat-Su and the callers up there, but then also to share some of these newer bodies of work about how people are accessing information.

So, I think, that the system continues to mature. It started, you know, in delivering one thing and we're really strong in that delivery now and now we're branching out, so it's a very exciting time for Alaska 211.

And as you've heard, the new partnerships that United Way is getting into that only enhances the system further. So we're very appreciative of our continued funders, Alaska Children's Trust, Alaska



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1		Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska Mental Health
2		Trust Authority, the State of Alaska and the
3		Municipality of Anchorage.
4		So I'd be happy to answer any questions that you
5		have.
6	BUTCHER:	Do we have any questions for Sue? All right.
7	BROGAN:	You're welcome.
8	BUTCHER:	Thank you very much.
9	COLLINS:	Sue provided a little (indiscernible) report that
10		she handed out to the Council Members and we'll put
11		that on the Council page on the AHFC website so that
12		everyone can access that.
13	BUTCHER:	Thanks, Carrie.
14	BROGAN:	Thank you.
15	BUTCHER:	Thank you. All right. Next we'd like to move to
16		Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Program Update
17		both from our Planning and Program Development we
18		have our Director Daniel Delfino and Public Housing
19		Department we have our Director Cathy Stone, welcome.
20	DELFINO:	Okay. Hi, everyone. As Bryan said I'm Daniel
21		Delfino with the Planning Department at AHFC. We're
22		going to break this up and try and (indiscernible) a
23		little bit behind schedule, so Carrie is going to
24		give the BHAP and the SNHG Program update and then
25		I'm going to talk about briefly a couple of new



1		things that we're doing in the Planning Department
2		with our homeless grants and data collection effort
3		that we did and then Cathy Stone with the Public
4		Housing update.
5		So, Carrie, do you need anything pulled up on the
6		projector?
7	COLLINS:	No (ph).
8	DELFINO:	Okay.
9	COLLINS:	So just one clarifying thing, I'm going to talk
10		about (indiscernible - away from microphone) there
11		was one correction made to the information that was
12		sent to the Council Members in advance to the
13		meeting, so you have a new copy on your sheet and I
14		will point out the correction as we go through it.
15		All the copies that everyone has here and everything
16		posted on our website is accurate.
17		So in response to discussions with Council Members
18		and feedback that we've been getting over the last
19		few meetings we Daniel and I took an approach to
20		try to provide additional detail on who is being
21		supported and what kind of programs are being funded
22		through the Basic Homeless Assistance Program and
23		Special Needs Housing Grant Program for you guys
24		today.

So collectively we have -- 42 awards have been



made between the SNHG and the BHAP Program this last year. And that means the one correction on your sheet, it should be 42 rather than 64 awards.

We took all the information for everyone that's been funded under those two programs this last year and broke it out into six broad categories. So we broke that out into Shelter Operations, Domestic Violence Shelters, Rapid Rehousing Prevention, Transitional Housing, Re-entry and Permanent Supportive Housing.

There's a lot of activities that are funded under these programs and so made an effort to fix them into the box as appropriately as we could. Sometimes there's some overlap though, but we wanted to give you guys a better sense of, kind of, the types of activities that are being funded.

So there is a total of 42 different program types that have been funded through the program. You can see the number of communities that are being served by the different types of activities here on the sheet. The total number of Alaska's in service over 13,000 through these combined programs. And an annual grant of \$8.6 million. This works out to about \$645 per person and you can see the breakout based on different types of interventions.

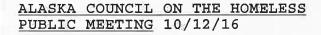
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Moving forward we have a few -- like Daniel said he's going to speak to you of a couple other changes that we've been going through, but one is that we're looking forward to partnering with our Public Housing Division putting together some non-competitive, low income housing tax credits and bringing in some assistance with our new 811 Program to put out an RFP for housing assistance through that new program moving forward. And so we're hoping to have that come out this next month with a return in early spring.

We also have been working with the Alaska Mental Health Trust on some of their movement of some of their funding that they've been working on. And so we're working with them right now to, kind of, incorporate some of that movement of the -- the things that they've been funding that are, kind of, housing related that are going to move over to AHFC to help as a partnership for that. And so depending on how -- what that, kind of, looks like when it all comes together, we may be moving forward with a special RFP for the SNHG Program.

And that, we also in this next application round for the BHAP Program will be moving towards a more community coordinated application process. Prior to



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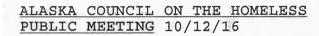
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this next round communities have been able to -- and 1 organizations have been able to apply for funding 2 through single, individual applications and so we're 3 looking towards doing more of a community approach to 4 that program with having all the agencies coming 5 together to work together to put through one 6 application for BHAP funding for their community. 7 At the current level of funding that we have for 8 SNHG and BHAP our programs are sustainable through 9 2026. And additional funding comes in through the 10 overall HAP Program through our capital budget 11 supports matching for the HUD 811 Program, support of 12 United Way's 211 Program and support of the Alaska 13 Coalition on Housing and Homelessness and part of 14 this conference. 15 I'm happy to answer any questions that you have on 16 17 there or if you want to go to them and then we can circle back around. 18 19 BUTCHER: Do we have a question for Carrie? Randall. So is it annual grant per household, is it 20 BURNS: household or person? So are these -- is that based 21 on an individual or is that..... 22 Um-hum. (Affirmative) 23 COLLINS: 2.4 BURNS:on a household that might have more than one tamily -- or a family..... 25



1	COLLINS:	Yeah. So
2	BURNS:	or more (ph)?
3	COLLINS:	Do you want me to
4	DELFINO:	(Indiscernible - away from microphone) it's made a
5		little bit murky because of the Special Needs Housing
6		Grant Program. A lot of these households are single
7		person households, but there are some that are four
8		families or that may have a one or a two bedroom unit
9		in them, so we try to use the term household just to
10		acknowledge the fact that they're not single
11		individual in all cases.
12	BURNS:	Okay, thank you.
13	BUTCHER:	Okay. Any other questions for Carrie? Suzi.
14	PEARSON:	Could you provide a little bit more clarification
15		around the fact that, that first bullet point under
16		Program Notes about proposed funding levels, so if we
17		stay at that specific level today in 2026 you can
18		still provide that same specific amount without
19		increases or anything, correct?
20	COLLINS:	Yes.
21	DELFINO:	That's correct.
22	PEARSON:	Okay, yeah.
23	DELFINO:	Sorry. There's a very elaborate budget worksheet
24		that we have that charts this out over time and at
25		the current levels assuming inflation, things like





1		that, we would be sustainable through 2026.
2	PEARSON:	So (indiscernible), okay.
3	BUTCHER:	We were going to bring it, but we couldn't fit in
4		the room.
5	PEARSON:	Thank you.
6	BUTCHER:	Okay. Any other questions for Carrie? Okay,
7		thank you, Carrie.
8	DELFINO:	Okay. Just a couple of things that I did want to
9		point out. The reason why there was a discrepancy in
10		the number of activities that we funded is we're
11		responding to a bunch of data requests right now and
12		originally we had included the Grant Match Program
13		and some of our other homeless programs.
14		So it was a conversation that we had internally
15		about potentially adding the Grant Match Program
16		because it does fund a lot of the activities that are
17		relevant to this Council and we just wanted to
18		provide a heads up or to the extent that you don't
19		want us we can keep it out, but we thought it might
20		be more appropriate to start bringing those
21		activities into these reports to more accurately
22		cover what we're actually funding across the State.
23		And then on a related point, we have a total of
24		six programs that we operate within the Planning
25		Department that target various cohorts in the



homeless or supportive housing community across the state and we just wanted to let folks know that, you know, we try not to be overly bureaucratic.

And one of the things that evolved over the past 10 years or so of administering all these programs is every time you come in, you come to Carrie you've get a HAP grant. You come to me you'd get a SNHG grant. We give you multiple grant agreements.

We had over 60 agreements that we were administering last year and we consolidated that down to just over 30. So now if you're a service agency you get one grant agreement from Alaska Housing as opposed to up to four for effectively the same purpose.

So hopefully we're reducing the administrative burden on some of our grantees and at least internally at Alaska Housing it's helped us share the work load internally and hopefully eliminate some redundant files for everyone.

Apart from that the one thing I wanted to bring up before I turn this over to Cathy is Mr. Jessee brought up at the last meeting I guess something that I've been hearing at least since I've been in this job is the sensitivity of the counts and some of the information that we get on homeless data. Is the

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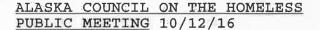


weather good. Do we have as many communities participating. And one of the things that we're trying to do is see if there was any way that we could assess the sensitivity of data to some of those factors.

So we weren't trying to do anything as ambitious as what Nancy was presenting earlier about a global count for the community, but we wanted to try and answer some of the questions as to, you know, where are these folks located throughout our communities and how does that change if we went back over time and saw the same neighborhood on a rainy day versus a sunny day, morning versus evening and we (indiscernible) say can we actually do this. Well, we were working with our partners at the University in Anchorage and in Fairbanks and we took a shot at it.

So what we did it is from late July through to mid August we sent students out in teams of two just for safety. We wanted to make sure they were always in pairs, out in Fairbanks and in Anchorage. We sent them out to walk along a randomized sample.

So these were not trained service providers or folks with any expertise on housing and homelessness. These were in Anchorage undergraduate students. In





Fairbanks they were graduates students.

We told them to walk around the communities and report what they say. So any time they stopped to observe something, that counted as an observation which will become more relevant when I get to the next page.

So they would walk around for maybe two, three hours depending on the time of day and we asked them to track, did they see tents, did they see homeless people, did they see anyone drinking and did they see any panhandling activities and we just asked them to report that. And anytime they stopped to report any of those things, that would be one observation.

So, for example, if they were walking along

Northern Lights by the Sears Mall and they stopped to

count five people, that would be one observation with

five people.

They did this for three weeks. The total cost of this project was about a little over \$6,000 for Anchorage and Fairbanks. We got to partner with two University departments. It was a good experience, I think, for us and the students. And it was -- the total cost of the project was right around what it costs for a multi-family development appraisal, so it was fairly inexpensive at least as far as the reports



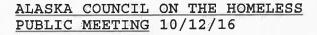
that I've commissioned since I've been at Alaska Housing.

So the data, what did we find. I'm not going to go through all this in detail, but if anyone does want a more detailed presentation I'd be happy to meet with you individually at our offices at Alaska Housing and answer any questions that you did -- or that you might have about our method or what we counted, but what it provided up here are just broad strokes of the neighborhoods that they were canvasing in Anchorage and in Fairbanks.

So you can see week 1, July 29th through August 5th. Week 2 August 6th through the 12th. And week 3 August 14th through the 21st.

And just as a helpful note for anyone thinking about something like this, the reason why this stopped on August 21st and the reason why it only cost \$6,000 is the rate when you're using University staff goes through the roof if you go past August 21st, so this is how we were able to keep it on budget.

What we found was the weather was a rather harsh determinate. When folks would go out to the same neighborhoods when it was sunny they saw more people. When it was raining they saw fewer people. When it



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was really raining they saw nobody. And they were driving around trying to find, some of those students were frustrated, like, we can't find anyone. It's like look, you don't have to. We just want you to report what your observe, that's the whole point of this, but we -- again, it's not a broad universe, a total population count.

We just wanted to give you some idea of the

We just wanted to give you some idea of the sensitivity to these neighborhoods and what you might find based on weather or time over repeated sampling, so just based on this our hunch is that if you did this, say, in June when the weather was nice, you would have a much easier time finding people than if you waited until it got cold.

BURNS:

You know, (indiscernible) mosquitoes has something to do (indiscernible) since there was a lot more tents in Fairbanks.

DELFINO:

Right, on that -- so I'll get to the tents in one second, but I guess just the last thing I would say about the data that they observed, they did count if folks were in transit, so if they saw a person who was moving from one area to another, they would report that, but in large part whenever they saw folks that they identified as being homeless they were always in groups. So if you look at the



observations they usually found more than one person 1 for observation. 2 The tents, it was a similar thing. Mr. Burns, 3 especially when we get into Fairbanks, they had a 4 harder time, the students, locating folks that they 5 could identify as visibly being homeless in 6 Fairbanks. They had a really easy time locating 7 tents. 8 The reason why you see so many tents is we asked 9 them to go back to the same locations over time to 10 see if they saw anything different when they could go 11 back the following week, so a lot of these tents, 12 there weren't really 84 tents, it's just they counted 13 the same tents.... 14 15 BURNS: (Simultaneous speech)....along the Chester Creek trail, for example, 16 DELFINO: sometimes there would be -- I think one week there 17 were 11 tents, than three were gone the next week. 18 So we were just trying to get a sense of do they pack 19 20 up and move or are the same tents there for three weeks on end. And in Fairbanks there seemed to be a 21 fairly stable tent population. 2.2 So in the interest of time I won't go any further 2.3 on that unless any of you have any questions, but I'd 2.4

be happy to answer any questions that you don't feel



comfortable asking in private if you ever want to set 1 up a meeting. 2 Yeah. And let me just add to that briefly. 3 BUTCHER: Obviously the point of this wasn't to come up with 4 some kind of detailed, profound information. 5 for a very small amount of money, not only have an 6 opportunity to build our relationship with the University which is something that we're trying to 8 do, but also try to give us some insight that might 9 possibly lead to a next step where we might look at 10 something that, you know, might give us an angle of 11 where we'd want to go to get something a little 12 larger, so just to let everybody know, you know. 13 I think you can probably tell that this was just, 14 kind of, a tiny first step to see if it was going to 15 lead to something else. 16 Any questions? 17 Well, I just really appreciate this. I think this JESSEE: 18 is really a proactive activity that you guys 19 undertook. And I understand the limitations, but I 2.0 think the fact that you worked at coming up with a 2.1 way to do this on the cheap to get us started on 22 this, I'm really appreciative of it. I think this 23 was a great effort. 24 Thank you. I appreciate that especially from a 25 DELFINO:



1		funding partner, but yes, we do listen when you
2		speak.
3	BUTCHER:	Do we have any other questions? I see Nancy has
4		and okay.
5	BURKE:	(Indiscernible - no microphone) communities that
6		you are studying, this was not something that was
7		part of the community. And I think while \$6,000
8		might be small (indiscernible - no microphone) and
9		I'm really I'm interested in whether or not
10		(indiscernible)
11	BUTCHER:	And then that's a very good point, Nancy. When we
12		discussed this and initially, kind of, put it
13		together we did not know what the Muni, you know, was
14		doing in terms of this, so we didn't collaborate with
15		any of these communities because we saw it as just a
16		very small piece.
17		Had we known, you know, it would have turned out a
18		little bit different, but like I said, it was
19		because it was just, kind of, a small pilot project
20		with the University students we didn't expand it. If
21		we looked to look at things in more detail that's
22		absolutely what we'd do (ph).
23		Okay. If there are no other questions for Daniel,
24		Cathy.
25	STONE:	My turn. Thank you, Bryan. Good afternoon, my



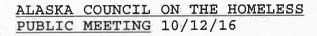
name is Cathy Stone, the Director of the Public
Housing Division for Alaska Housing. And first I'd
just like to give you guys a big picture overview of
what's going on with our, you know, Federal funds
that we get from HUD for our Voucher Program and
Public Housing and then I'll go into slightly more
detail on our set aside programs and then be happy to
take any questions.

In general I can tell you that our overall utilization rates are very high. We're at 98 percent on our major Voucher Program, that means 98 percent of the vouchers are being utilized and that two percent slide is usually just the number of people that are out shopping or vouchers that are being issued and that's a statewide number.

And in our Public Housing side we're at a 97 percent utilization rate.

I should tell you first, statewide we have about 5,000 voucher and in our public housing we have about 1,600 public housing units. Those are the units that we own, manage and maintain.

A co-worker of mine, to coin his phrase, each night we have about 10,000 heads in beds, so that's a number that's being held through both those programs each night.



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Average size of our families is two. A little bit bigger in our Empowering choice housing program for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, that's close to three, but that represents those. Generally single moms with, you know, a couple of children.

So to go to a little more detail, over the past year some good news is we issued over 300 more vouchers. And the reason behind that can be attributed to our rent reform and our Jumpstart Program where it's our set aside program for working families. And what happens with that is we now have a five year time limit with stepped up rents and we're working very closely with those families in that program to give them resources to get on their feet.

And our Family Self-sufficiency Program, Sherrie
Hinshaw is in charge of that program. She's here
today with a number of our case managers. We ramped
up that program over the last year and we are seeing
excellent results with families paying more. Incomes
have risen over the past year from -- I had a number
of \$20,000 to about \$27,000 on average incomes with,
of course, the higher numbers being higher on that
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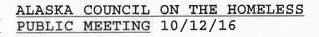
1		So because of that and based on the nature of our
2		block grant because our families are paying more,
3		that freed up more funds to issue more vouchers, so
4		that's the good news story. 300 more vouchers over
5		the past year issued statewide.
6	BURNS:	Can I just ask one question to clarify that (ph)?
7	STONE:	Yes, Mr. Burns.
8	BURNS:	So the five years so they have five years and
9		then the rental assistance ceases, is that what
10		you're saying?
11	STONE:	Correct.
12	BURNS:	Okay.
13	STONE:	In the Voucher Program the rental assistance
14		ceases. In the Public Housing Program they are
15		allowed to stay in the unit, but they will pay our
16		market rent. If
17	BURNS:	All right (ph).
18	STONE:	Once they go off program they are permitted to
19		reapply. There's no time limit on that. They can
20		reapply. Bearing in mind right now our waiting list
21		statewide total a little over 2,000 people. So high
22		demand continues for housing statewide, particularly
23		in Anchorage. We just opened our waiting list and
24		got 1,800 applicants that we've been working through
25		over the past couple months.



To move along in -- we operate several set aside 1 programs for higher needs populations. First I'll 2 speak to our Empowering Choice Housing Program. 3 was our original one. Looking at Suzi Pearson, she was instrumental in coordinating that with -- between 5 AHFC, the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual 6 Assault and the network on Domestic Violence and 7 Sexual Assault. 8 We have 212 vouchers allocated to that with 9 referrals coming in from shelters throughout the 10 state and currently we have 175 leased in that 11 program. We continue to work with it, work with the 12 shelters to make sure that those referrals are coming 13 in. 14 Is there a waiting list (indiscernible - away from UNIDENTIFIED: 15 microphone)? 16 No, no. Some communities are full, but we just 17 STONE: 18

No, no. Some communities are full, but we just communicate with the shelter and say you've used your eight allocated Empowering Choice vouchers and so we'll let you know when one is up and then you can send another referral. That's a three year time limited program.

And most of the folks in that program are strongly encouraged when they come in to also apply for our regular Voucher Program so they can get some longer



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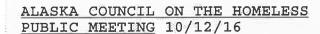
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I'll move on. Our VASH Program, you heard Colleen talk about it. Bryan mentioned it. We got 24 more VASH this spring and so now we're at 271 VASH vouchers statewide. That's a really good news story also.

I heard a statistic -- I mean, I heard -- we're on a list last year that said we were fourth in the nation for issuing these. That speaks to the relationship with the VA and our Housing Program offices throughout the state that as soon as the VA finds a good candidate, they get them right to our offices and we meet with them, we brief them and get them out in the community trying to find a unit, so we're pleased with that and we continue to get more VASH from the VA and HUD as our success continues.

Next I'll move on to our Re-entry Program. This is a collaboration with the Department of Corrections, another program that is showing great results. We're currently at 88 leased statewide. I should mention that 20 of those are new to Anchorage. Initially we were just using HOME funds.

It's, kind of, this strange situation where when you're using HOME funds statewide that can include Anchorage, but we were realizing that so many people





coming out of incarceration really did want to settle here. It's where the jobs and opportunities are, so we broke off 20 of our regular vouchers and have offered them up into this program and so the referrals now are coming from DOC into Anchorage as well. We have 88 leased with 20 out shopping, so I expect we'll be over 100 within the next couple of months.

And also as part of that program is a collaboration with the Department of Health and Social Services Office of Children's Services that for youth, and we currently have 20 vouchers. Those are for youth aging out of foster care between 18 and 24. We continue to work with those (indiscernible) to try and find out how to reach those kids and how to get them into housing and sustained on a path toward being in housing.

And then final I'll bring up our latest and greatest which -- I mean, we're pleased with. It's just a couple years old, but it's doing great, is our Moving Home Program. And this is a collaboration with Department of Health and Social Services.

Again, it's a referral based program where they have a vulnerability index that they take people from and they refer them to us based on if they have a higher

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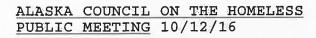


1		vulnerability they're referred to us and then we just
2		provide the voucher.
3		The Public Housing Division is very good at
4		providing the technical housing piece and getting the
5		housing funded. We find we do much better with
6		vulnerable populations when there is some case
7		management from those who are good at that working
8		with us.
9		So the Moving Home Program, we have 150 allocated.
10		Currently we have 123 that are leased and 35 out
11		shopping, so we expect by year end that we will be
12		fully utilized in that program and looking forward to
13		that.
14		That's all I have unless you have any questions.
15	BUTCHER:	Okay. Do we have any questions for Cathy?
16	BURNS:	I just have one, sorry.
17	BUTCHER:	Yes.
18	BURNS:	On the VA Program and the Re-entry Program I'm
19		assuming that some of these individuals have co-
20		occurring illnesses and disabilities, is that correct
21		or not sure?
22	STONE:	I'm not sure. I know with
23	BURNS:	Okay.
24	STONE:	with both of those programs they are case
25		managed. The VA manages the VASH and the DOC they're



1		subject to parole or probation officer
2	BURNS:	Okay, thank you.
3	STONE:	yeah, assessment. You're welcome.
4	BUTCHER:	Okay, thank you.
5	STONE:	Okay.
6	BUTCHER:	Okay. Like to move on to an update from the
7		Department of Health and Social Services.
8	BURNS:	Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just going to speak
9		briefly and then Susan Musante and Kelda Barstad from
10		the Department are going to also talk.
11		I would just like to briefly mention that, you
12		know, until recently housing really wasn't a program
13		that the Division of Behavioral Health and the
14		Department itself was actively engaged in and we
15		certainly, I think, along with Mr. Martone have
16		certainly learned that housing is, in fact, a health
17		issue. And we've certainly been exploring how to
18		improve our contributions and our involvement. And
19		Susan and her staff and Kelda were really making
20		efforts.
21		Kelda, are you going to mention the 1959 at all?
22	BARSTAD:	Yes.
23	BURNS:	Okay, good, because I noticed that in a lot of the
24		in Kevin and other presentations have mentioned

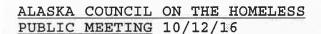
the 1959. We're, sort of, moving away from that and





I'm sure Kelda can talk about that, so I'm just going 1 to turn it over to Susan and then Kelda. 2 Okay. So Cathy already spoke about the Moving MUSANTE: 3 Home Program, but I just want to add that it's truly 4 5 -- it's been a wonderful project for us and a wonderful partnership. It's truly a supportive 6 housing program because through AHFC we have the 7 housing -- integrated housing opportunity, so the 8 scattered site and through our providers people are 9 able to get the kinds of supports that they need to 10 sustain their housing, so thank you for that 11 12 partnership. 13 So another -- I'm just going to highlight some projects real briefly. I think you all know about 14 our ACT (ph) team which is -- uses the Housing First 15 philosophy, but it's a trans-disciplinary team that 16 provides wrap around services to people who are 17 homeless or vulnerable for homelessness and have a 18 serious mental illness and usually a co-occurring 19 substance disorder. 2.0 That team can take up to 100 folks, but they ramp 21 up slowly by it's model. They're at about just under 22 23 50 people now. They're ramping up in the way that 24 they should. Very exciting to us.

Two people who were involved in -- these are very





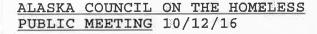
intensive services. Two people have graduated to lower level of services and we've been only doing this a year, so it's working.

We also have our Intensive Case Management Program which primarily is focused on people with serious substance use disorder and they're up to around 40 people. Both of those programs, the majority of the people involved in them are housed, not all of them are. Some of them are still in services and trying to get housed.

One of the reasons they can be successful is because of the Moving Home Program that has made housing available to these two programs.

The Integrated Housing unit of which I am a part also does employment. I want to throw that out there because I think employment is also important for people's health and sustainability. And our employment folks are working on a crosswalk with the Division of Voc Rehab and the Department of Labor so that we can, kind of, figure out who can pay for what services and where are the gaps.

We were awarded the -- and Kevin mentioned this, this morning. We were awarded the Innovator -- Innovation Accelerator Program, I can never say it right, track I and during that process we also



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developed a crosswalk on housing services that can be funded through Medicaid, so that we could identify gaps and hope to inform the Medicaid reform process, so....

And then our really big news this time that I want to bring up is that we have as a part of our housing plan that Kevin is going to speak about after I stop talking eventually, that we have put together a work group implementation and the membership is broad. It includes the Department of Health and Social Services, Department of Corrections, AHFC, representatives from the Municipalities, Juneau, Anchorage.

Health are services are Medicaid folks, the
Governor's office, Elizabeth who is here, I think,
the Coalition on Housing and the Trust. And we're
really moving forward toward putting together an
implementation process with support from the
Technical Assistance Collaborative, technical
assistance. And I think we're going to be asking
this group to support our efforts and maybe have some
conversation about what that would look like for us.

And I'm going to let Kelda speak.

Good afternoon. Many of the programs that Susan was talking about involve a significant number of

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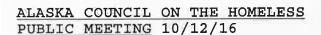
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partners both with the Department of Health and Social Services across multiple divisions, as well as with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and other key stakeholders in the community. And this model of partnership to implement programs and serve some of our most vulnerable populations has really been an inspiring experience for me.

And along with the voucher programs that Susan had mentioned and the 1115 project working on the supportive housing plan, we also have been working together on 811 voucher project. And we are almost finished up with the contracts that has assessed our general relief population which I'm very excited about because I manage that program. And we don't know a lot about the folks that we're serving because it's primarily a benefit program, so we don't follow them with case management.

So I'm looking forward to reporting more details to the Council at the next meeting once we're able to really record our data and learn who is participating in this assisted living home benefit. And who is interested in potentially moving out to either independent housing or supportive housing or, perhaps, would benefit from a more long term stable source of funding versus the living home care.



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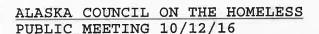


And also on an update for the other waiver programs that are in progress through the Division of Senior and Disability Services, the last time I reported the Department was looking into 1915I and also 1915K.

And at this time the Department is not moving forward with the 1915I primarily out of concerns of not being able to maintain cost neutrality, but is moving forward with the 1915K which would look to refinance the Personal Care Assistance Program and potentially add some other services to the community.

And for anyone that's interested in additional details on the update on 1915K my director, Dwayne Mays (ph) will be presenting on a webinar on October 19th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. You can sign up at the Senior and Disability Services website. And he also will be going on a road show later on at the end of this month through Southeast and presenting via video conference.

He may be going to other parts of the State later, but I do know that he's taking the show on the road to give an update on this implementation plan, so definitely stay connected to our website. It'll have information on those presentations in Southeast communities at the end of October and then a video



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1		conference you'll be able to tap into in a variety of
2		locations. Thank you.
3	BUTCHER:	Okay, thank you. And we'll put it on our website
4		as well,
5	BARSTAD:	Great.
6	BUTCHER:	so you can look (indiscernible - away from
7		microphone). Do we have any questions for Susan and
8		Kelda?
9	BURNS:	Thank you both.
10	BUTCHER:	Okay, thank you very much. Okay, Kevin Martone,
11		Alaska Supportive Housing Plan. Welcome.
12	MARTONE:	Thank you. Hello, everybody. Thank you for
13		inviting me here to speak to you about the plan. My
14		name is Kevin Martone. I'm the Executive Director
15		for the Technical Assistance Collaborative in Boston.
16		And I just wanted to give you a little bit of an
17		update on Supportive Housing Plan that we had
18		presented to the Division and the Mental Health Trust
19		Authority about a year ago.
20		Brief history, in 2014, December of 2014 the
21		Division of Behavioral Health and the Mental Health
22		Trust Authority contracted with us to develop a
23		supportive housing plan and to present some
24		strategies to the State on how to create move
25		supportive housing opportunities.

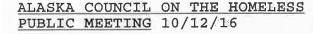


We are -- in a nutshell, we are a non-profit consulting firm. We do work across the country helping system in behavioral health, addictions, Medicaid, supportive housing, things like that. And we've worked -- we worked in every state at this point.

And we're also a HUD contractor and a VA contractor and a CMS contractor delivering TA to states as well. And so we were asked to come in and bring that expertise to Alaska to help put together a plan.

We spent the year from about January of 2015 through presenting the final report in December of 2015. Talked to you folks in Alaska. We came up here several times. This is my fifth trip up here now meeting with stakeholders, providers, folks who are in the housing community. Folks who are in the services community, the homeless community. We met with service recipients and family members.

We visited Juneau. We've been in Anchorage obviously. We visited Bethel. We've been down -- I've been down on the Kenai Peninsula to a couple of communities to just really get the flavor of the housing and homeless issues that are facing the state.



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You know, we took all of that, we took, you know, the information that was available in the State and presented a report of recommendations back to folks. That report, if you don't have it is, I believe, up on the Division of Behavioral Health's website, as well as the Mental Health Trust Authority's website to take a look at.

Let me first say, you know, when it comes to addressing, you know, the supportive housing needs of individuals who are homeless or have disabilities, I think we can all agree that there's a need for more housing and services, right. I mean, period.

Often times in states, states are challenged with their fiscal environments and budgetary constraints and, you know, we're spending a lot of time working together and coordinating together and trying to come up with strategies to maximize our housing and services within constrained budgets.

And, you know, at the end of the day we -- I think we all know that we need some additional resources to meet those needs, but that said, you know, what we have found is states can benefit from strategic supportive housing plans like this to maximize the availability of affordable housing and services that they can produce in their systems.

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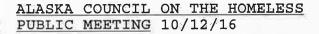


You know, so it's -- sometimes it's maximizing what you have and being more efficiency with what you have on the housing and services side, but it may also be, you know, if you get new resources into your community like National Housing Trust Fund dollars or 811 dollars or new Medicaid dollars, for instance, that you are, you know, producing those in the most efficient way so that you can maximize your numbers and that's really what we try to do in these supportive housing plans.

In the supportive housing plan we approached it trying to help the State come -- meet four objectives. The first objective was to help the State try to maximize the development of integrated, affordable, leased based permanent supportive housing primarily for folks with serious behavioral health disorders at the time. Keep in mind we were initially engaged it was by DBH and the Mental Health Trust Authority and I'll get into that in a second.

The second objective was to help identify, develop and implement the services that individuals need to keep and stay in supportive housing.

The third objective was to coordinate efforts among state and partner agencies working to develop and ensure access to permanent supportive housing.





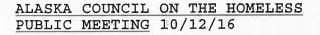
And the fourth objective was to leverage additional Federal financial participation through modifications to Medicaid services.

And we took those objectives and in the final report there's seven over-arching goals or recommendations. And within those seven over-arching goals and recommendations we actually break those down into, you know, 1a, 1b, you know, into finer recommendations as well.

Those are all in the report and what I thought I would do is just quickly hit the seven over-arching recommendations so folks can get a flavor for it.

The first one was really to develop a policy framework to guide implementation of permanent supportive housing as an essential component of DBH service system.

You know, one of the things that when you look in behavioral health systems across the country there has been an over- -- well, obviously many folks are homeless in the systems and that's certainly an issue across the states, but there often tends to be an over-reliance on institutional care, transitional or group care, board and care type of settings. Often times in Alaska, I know, they're frequently known to the assisted living homes.



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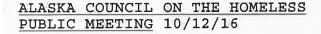
And, I think, you know, what we try to do is work with states to, sort of, help rebalance that and try to put a little bit more of reliance on supportive housing and shift that balance in systems. And that was, you know, some of the strategies that we list in there.

The second recommendation or goal was to establish a coordinated and consistent approach to housing and housing-related services across all DHSS divisions.

What we found and experienced in systems is if you look at it from, you know, one divisional perspective, for instance in this case Division of Behavioral Health Services, it's, sort of, perpetuates that silo approach to government in developing services and housing options.

And what we found in systems is that to the extent that you can coordinate those efforts across state agencies, you know, within DHSS, for instance or even more so across the other agencies like the Housing Finance Corporation, Department of Corrections and other agencies and can come up with consistent supportive housing policy you're going to be better off overall. You're going to maximize your dollars and use 'em better.

The third goal was to -- that we came up with was



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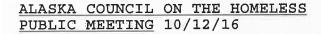
a recommendation to actually start to think about an actual pipeline of affordable housing that the state may be able to create.

Now, again, we know sometimes that requires new resources, you know, and so things like that we talk about in there are the use of 811 dollars, use of the Trust Fund dollars, new Continuum of Care dollars that would come into the state and how you can maximize those. Sometimes just by tweaking some things, you know, you can come up with a pipeline of housing.

The overall strategic housing plan that we presented is really a three year plan, but the housing target that we presented is a five year plan 'cause we know that takes time.

If you look at the plan we did put a number in there and it's, sort of, a range. And, you know, again, this is something for you guys to think about, it's a road map. It's a series of recommendations and it's based upon several assumptions at the time from information that we had.

And what I would encourage you to do is, sort of, not necessarily lock into the number that we put into the report, but look at the strategies that we put in there to then try to adapt and incorporate what's





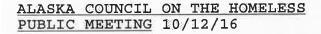
actually happening on the ground for you in Alaska and really take that and develop your own pipeline based upon those strategies that we present.

The fourth goal is -- that we recommended was to establish a supportive housing clearinghouse to coordinate the timely referral of eligible households for PSH.

similar to what's going on with the coordinated entry level at the local level, you know, a lot of these resources are often administered at the state level for people who sometimes may not necessarily be involved in the homeless system. People with disabilities who may be coming out of institutional settings and things like that and it's a similar concept. And, in fact, what you want to do is make sure that you're coordinating access into those housing opportunities as efficiently as you can.

Bottom line is a housing developer or operator does not want to have to wait three months for all to fill up (ph) a unit. And to the extent that at the state level that can be coordinated better, the more success you're going to have and at certainly the state level coordinating with the coordinated entry level.

The fifth goal was to establish a funding source



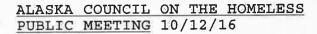


for services delivered in supportive housing that is sustainable and tailored to the needs of individuals, right. Along with affordable housing, obviously we need the right types of services and access to the services so that people can succeed in the community. We really had some recommendations there for that.

Part of that is also maximizing Federal financial participation. At the time when we were talking about this there was not a decision in the State to do Medicaid reform and expansion and we had made some recommendations in the report that if you want to maximize your resources and be able to cover some services and cover some evidence based practiced services that maybe were newly being implemented in the system, like, a sort of community treatment that Medicaid expansion could create opportunities in that area.

Subsequent to the report, obviously, the Governor is moving forward Medicaid expansion. There's a lot of work going on in the Department on Medicaid expansion. I was actually up here in August with the National Governor's Association working with the state agencies on that. Behavioral Health is doing the 1115, so there's a lot of opportunity in that.

At the same time recognizing there's a lot of





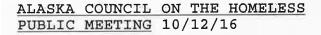
budget constraints, but there's a lot of opportunity.

And the last recommendation we have in there was that to expand service delivery in home and community based settings to promote housing stability and community integration. Actually this wasn't, this is the sixth. Is to, sort of, rebalance that approach to services, right.

Supportive housing is a model that works. You want to be able to have the resources and the services go to people in their homes in the community based settings rather than have -- be facility based. That's just an evidence based practice model and we make suggestions in there on that.

And the last recommendation is to strengthen community provider workforce capacity. You guys know better than I the work force challenges that you have in your system. Every state has them. They're really acute. We offer some suggestions in there.

One of the things we do offer in there, too, and this does fit in with as you begin to cover particular services with Medicaid, is to develop supportive housing training curriculum so that providers out there who will be delivering supportive housing services have a consistent training curriculum to work from. It can also serve as an



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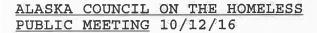
eligibility platform for those providers to be able to bill Medicaid services.

And so I think, you know, in a nutshell, you know, at the end of the day Susan talked about, you know, a work group to help implement the plan and things like that. If supportive housing is a platform that is seen as a common intervention across different policy priority areas in the system and leadership makes it something that, you know, you're staff are going to really, sort of, buy into and work from and, you know, spend time and energy on, you're going to make progress in this.

States that have really taken a, you know, leadership role in this area, spent the time and energy committed to it, committed to it across state agencies are going to make progress. It fits into everything that you're doing with Medicaid reform and all those things and it's just a great opportunity for you to, sort of, take a plan like this and leverage it into everything that you're doing.

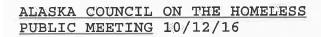
This isn't -- the report's not the be all and end all, but to use it as a guide to leverage into everything that you're doing and I think you can make some success.

And I'm certainly willing to take any questions if





1		anybody has any.
2	BUTCHER:	Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for
3		Kevin? Dave.
4	KUIPER:	My question is who is being asked to accept these
5		recommendations, is it the Council that's being asked
6		to accept these recommendations?
7	BUTCHER:	It's my understanding, and maybe somebody can
8		elaborate, that we've discussed having a work group,
9		but a good example is AHFC is included in part of
10		this, but we really haven't dug down between the
11		agencies to say okay, this is available or this isn't
12		or if we did do this, here's what we can't do, that
13		kind of thing. So there needs to be, I think, more
14		collaboration between agencies, but I don't know
15		exactly what the specific ask is at this point.
16	BURNS:	Well, I think that ask is that we essentially
17		agree that moving forward that as mostly
18		representatives of the public and the state agencies
19		that we support, at least, the work group.
20		I was going to suggest that we the work group
21		is meeting. That at the next meeting we come back
22		with specific recommendations for actions that this
23		group would take in support of adopting these goals.
24	BUTCHER:	Yeah, and I would agree with that. I mean, we are
25		very very much behind sitting together with the





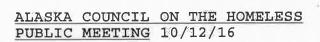
1		work group and working forward on this.
2	KUIPER:	And then my I guess, it sounds like, Randall,
3		like you've done quite a bit of work with this. Has
4		there been a cross (indiscernible) done between this
5		housing the housing plan goals here and the plan
6		that we as a Council adopted?
7	BURNS:	I think they have been working on that, as well as
8		the goals from the Governor's Summit, so they have
9		been looking at all of those and we can bring that to
10		you so that you can see that, where they are.
11	KUIPER:	Who are who are they?
12	BURNS:	This is the work group. This is people who are on
13		my staff, people and staff from AHFC, from the Trust,
14		from other agencies and they've been working on this.
15		This report was published a year ago and we've been
16		working up to this point trying to get to the point
17		where we can actually decide that we think this makes
18		sense for us.
19	KUIPER:	Okay.
20	BUTCHER:	Okay.
21	WILLIAMS:	So let me maybe this comes under (indiscernible
22		- away from microphone) make comments later, but I
23		guess, I'd like to underscore what I see as one of
24		the major recommendations that just jumps out to me
25		that really, I think, lays other groundwork.



I mean, I have a lot of other moving pieces in the Department that I am now responsible for, but there's a lot of money that different State agencies are putting to this effort and really getting under the same tent and really the same direction. So your number one recommendation, like, everybody get on the same page and that policy must drive where the dollars go, not the other way around. And that sounds like a simple thing to do, but my God is that complicated.

And so that one thing alone, if we figured out amongst us and amongst the -- I mean, we have three departments here that are represented and I know what kind of money my Department is spending on this sort of effort and it seems to me that I really want -- what I need -- I think we've lost half the group here, but I need this group of people to say here's the -- to get in front of all of us to say your money is best spent here, not so much here and all of you spend all your entire lives working on solutions for this.

And so the one -- I mean, it just jumps out to me in a big huge way that if we did that one thing alone and said we're going to decide on policies because I have some thoughts about this about where I can see



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some leverage points and oh, by the way I am -- my whole job right now is to realign money from my department. And part of this is that people getting out of prison become homeless, become -- back to become prisoners again, become homeless again, become prisoners again, there's a clue here for us.

And so I just want to underscore that I really appreciate the report. That one thing alone is a big one in terms of having three Departments represented here and about -- as well as AHFC, of course, who has been a big funder and, you know, pushing a lot of this.

The rest of us need to -- I'm saying this to me, hands up, me, I'm the first one, I need to get on board to see what the policy is because I do have some thoughts about that and I need to realign my resources to make sure that I'm in line with the policies.

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That's the big take away. And, you know, I was a Mental Health Commissioner in Jersey for several years and, you know, we think about housing, you know, being an issue for all these different state agencies and all the work that's on your plate on a daily basis and all the priorities and everything like that, but if there's leadership buy-in the

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1		policy flows through that down to the work group and
2		you can develop that consistent approach. And I
3		think, you know, if that happens, you can really go a
4		long way with this.
5		And I think, you know, it's I mean, I had the
6		opportunity to meet Elizabeth Schultz. She was at
7		the meeting that we had the other day from the
8		Governor's office, having the Governor's office
9		involvement is terrific. You don't see that in
10		states, that helps to push things along as well, so
11		thank you.
12	SCHULTZ:	I was just going to say (ph)
13	COLLINS:	Sorry, Elizabeth,
14	SCHULTZ:	(indiscernible - away from microphone)
15	COLLINS:	Sorry, can you just come up to the mic, they can't
16		hear you on TV if you don't speak into that
17		(indiscernible)
18	SCHULTZ:	Since the Governor's Housing Summit report was
19		mentioned, I do want to also say, I've been listening
20		to so many of these meetings and if you go into the
21		Housing Summit recommendations under Alaskans
22		experiencing homelessness the first two
23		recommendations are to either create a new position
24		that's going to coordinate everything which as we all
25		know that's not happening in State government right



now or to empower the Council to do that to be the overseer of how to push some of these plans through.

And the second recommendation was to coordinate the funding. And so I really think it does end up being the role of this body to figure out what do we do. Do we work into work groups. Do we have task forces. Do we meet separately then twice a year and say if we're going to do permanent supportive housing or even any form of coordinated funding, coordinated housing who do we designate and how do we do that.

And since I'm just up here I want to say, Randall, I appreciate so much your department's lead on this. I think having the Department of Behavioral Health saying we're going to look at housing as part of Behavioral Health is just tremendous and is going to be incredible in this state, but I really do think from my limited work in this and my witnessing how this Council is working, finding a way for this Council to say to say do we need to have a separate group that comes from this Council that takes this on, that would be my recommendation from what I've heard.

Do we have any other further questions, comments? 23 BUTCHER: 24

Okay. Thank you.

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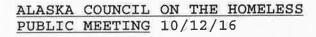
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Thanks, Elizabeth. Okay. We will move onto 1 BUTCHER: Alaska's Plan to End Long Term Homelessness, Suzi and 2. Dave. 3 So I'm going to introduce this section and Suzi is 4 KUIPER: going to highlight some areas. I want to thank 5 Carrie for really doing the lion's share of the real 6 heavy lifting and all the preparation in the report 7 that you received today, but I'd like to -- you know, 8 it's just been one year since we approved this plan. 9 And when we approved it we said, gosh, how are we 10 going to know if we're doing anything. 11 And so at our last Council meeting we reported on 12 an attempt to reach into our communities throughout 13 Alaska to understand what is in place and then 14 understand some of the gaps by reaching out to the 15 Alaska Municipal League and the communities around 16 our state and we got some data back. And just really 17 want to acknowledge the help that we received through 18 those folks and their efforts to respond to our 19 20 survey. 21

Well, so we're a year in and we wondered if we had accomplished anything and we enlisted the key partners, the central partners for each of the five priorities that our plan lays out and asked them to ask the lead partners and supporting partners within



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their categories to report. And holy smokes, a lot 1 has been happening in the last year. 2 So just want to thank everybody for the really 3 hard work that is going on to make it possible for -or at least closer to our goal of making it possible 5 for every family in our State and every individual in the family to have safe, affordable housing in our State of Alaska. 8 So thank you for your participation. And I'll let 9 10 Suzi give us some of the highlights. PEARSON: We're almost done, right. I almost want to ask 11 for a stretch break, but that might take us..... 12 That will take too long. UNIDENTIFIED: 13 It'll take us too long, yeah. So with this plan PEARSON: 14 truly a lot of work was put into this by Council 15 Members to ensure that we were trying to recognize 16 all the different areas that need to be addressed in 17 the issues of homelessness. And with this, this was 18 really about gathering information from the local 19 20 communities, not about us telling a community what they needed to do. This is about a community finding 21 what they need and telling us what's going on. 22 And with that we -- I really -- Dave and I both 2.3 were shocked and I think Carrie, the amount of 24 information we got back and specifically from our 25



partners who are on the Council. We got a lot of feedback from folks in the different State

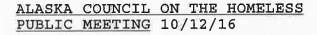
Departments and that's really what drove this report and shows all accomplishments, as well as the State Coalition and the Anchorage Coalition.

So I really don't -- you have this in your packet. I don't want to necessarily read it all to you, but I think that it's really important to recognize the collaborations that are in here. There's a lot of work between AHFC and many other departments.

I was really please as far as when you look at the first one around expanding housing, the communities. There were six communities that they went into and I think that we're talking about a statewide plan, not just Anchorage as a major hub.

And we talked a lot about drawing in landlords and the work that needs to happen with Fair Housing as far as outreach and engagement. And we've seen a lot of great activity on that front, so I think that's pretty fabulous.

Different communities inviting landlords in, recognizing them, doing appreciations and I know so many organizations do that individually, but we're seeing a little bit more of a collective effort to engage the people that are housing our folks to help



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them better understand how we can be effective 1 partners and making people successful. 2 And I really do want to thank everyone who 3 responded to our questions and sent in all these accomplishments. I really thank you for all the work 5 that you do to make this possible. You did this and 6 the next five years we're just going to see more 7 growth in development, more opportunities and, I 8 think, that's a really wonderful thing, so thanks for 9 supporting the plan and getting your stats (ph) to 10 11 us. Yeah. And I'd like to thank Suzi and Dave. 12 BUTCHER: mean, this is -- the development of it and the work 13 into it. There's a lot of things that go on in 14 between the meetings that we have and this is what 15 you see and this is a lot of it. It's a living 16 document. It's going to change. It's evolved today 17 from what it was a year ago and we're going to see it 18 a year from now not looking just like we're looking 19 at it today, so thank you very much. 20 Well, I -- and since I'm, sort of, new to the 21 BURNS: group, I spent last night and this morning reading. 22 I thought the original plan that came out last -- in 23 2.4 2015 was really good and it gives you all of the

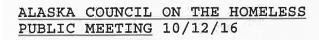
background that you need if you're just trying to



1		understand, sort of, where you all have, you know,
2		started and where we are. And then the update was
3		also, as you said, pretty amazing, so I appreciated
4		the information. I think it's great.
5	KUIPER:	Well, we appreciate the fresh eyes and the
6		compliment, so thank you.
7		I did want to just mention one, kind of, next step
8		that we are undertaking. The Alaska Municipal League
9		Annual Local Government Conference is on November 16
10		and 17 at the Captain Cook Hotel here in town. And
11		our plan committee which is the three of us, we're
12		going to have a booth
13	COLLINS:	And a presentation.
14	KUIPER:	And a presentation to the Municipal League members
15		to let them know about the plan and then continue to
16		get this keep this interaction going between those
17		Municipal leaders that come in for the conference and
18		our Council so that we can continue to get fresh
19		information. And also then feed that information
20		back into the plan and see where we can respond to
21		the needs as we understand them better, so that's the
22		16th and 17th. And give one person a bigand give
23		Betty
24	PEARSON:	Betty
25	KUIPER:	Yeah, give Betty a big call out.



1	PEARSON:	Betty represents the Municipal League on the
2		Council and I do think thank you for mentioning
3		that because this is part of the engagement with the
4		State that we need to talk about. And the city
5		governments, all these little municipalities
6		throughout the State don't know anything about
7		homelessness, don't know if they might have a problem
8		and we are this is our chance. We're getting in
9		their face and saying here, talk to me and so this is
10		a really important step for us and I'm really excited
11		about it.
12	BUTCHER:	Okay.
13	KUIPER:	Thank you.
14	BUTCHER:	Do we have any other questions or comments? All
15		right, thank you very much.
16		Now we are in wrap-up to Council Member Reports.
17		Why don't we go around the table one by one and if
18		you have something you'd like to add or comment,
19		please do. (Indiscernible) okay. Commissioner.
20	WILLIAMS:	No, I just we can't I don't want this to get
21		away from us. And if I really am listening to
22		Elizabeth's comments and I guess it, kind of, moves
23		me that I'm looking to get into this very deeply, not
24		just as an ancillary issue, but this really directly
25		relates to a lot of issues that we're facing in the





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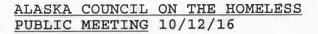
And I think there's direct benefit to what we're doing on the justice front. We just passed a huge crime omnibus bill, that's all good, really good, but it's these sort of efforts and I've had enough experience when we -- in some other areas where I have seen you really do get the main -- the really movers in the room to say what are we doing about that.

You can make ground much faster than you can when you have, sort of, meeting every few months and so I'm willing to really invest in this because I think this is really directly related.

How we handle this piece is really going to impact on our recidivism rate and re-entry effort, the job training, the housing, all those pieces together.

And we each own some of that a little bit differently, more some areas than others.

And so I really think we have to be with each other, right, and get real honest about where money has been spent, what we're getting for it and sometimes that gets a little bit gnarly, but I think we have to commit ourselves to that otherwise we're just -- we just can't -- I just want to meet every





--I say this with great love, I don't want to meet every few months without us having a real like, okay, we've got a toe hold now. We're now committed to realizing that maybe the way we're spending money -- and I sat -- I'm throwing my hand up.

By the way, not for nothing, I just cut \$3 million out of our halfway house model because there was waste there. And people in the halfway houses -- plus I invest -- I inherited a very troubled halfway house model. Those halfway house individual are the next homeless people -- are the next homeless people in many occasions, so that's how it all relates to me.

So selfishly I have a lot to gain by us really struggling and making sure that we really have set the policy issues and then we go challenge each other about how the money is following --, whether or not the money is really following that policy issue. And I'm the first one to say I'm looking and making changes. I have already.

There's some little grass root things I'm already starting to see. One of my old favorite places downtown soup kitchen is about job training and things like that, I love hearing things like that. I need to figure out as a system how we spend effort

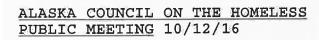
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and money in those area because I think that's where 1 the data says you make the turn and so not for 2 3 nothing. I'm in. I want to do more in this area and if it 4 means coming back here from Juneau to do it, I'll do 5 it. I think it's that important. 6 Yeah. And to follow that, I think that's where BUTCHER: the workshops occur between our meetings to get the 8 stuff done. Like I said, you don't see us sitting 9 here hashing out everything. You see us sitting here 10 going over what's been hashed out and brought in 11 front of us. 12 Bryan, I actually agree with you. I just --WILLIAMS: 13 sometimes it's our staff though and I'm guilty of 14 this, right. I, kind of, give them general, sort of 15 like, go there, but sometimes they really need from 16 me. Like I said, this is my -- they need, like --17 they need to just -- you know, is that important. 18 Can I really do that, yes or no and sometimes I have 19 20 to be there. So I don't -- believe me, I don't want any more 21 meetings, but sometimes I really know that they're 22 looking for me to say you're at the tip of the spear 23 buddy and I need to set that for them, so I'm laying 24 that on me, not anybody else, I'm just saying. 25



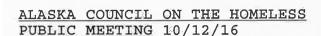
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in and out of the Governor's office and then 1 Legislative kinds of messages that need to be 2 3 delivered. It's very interesting, SB-91 is touted here in the last couple of days as a wonderful thing. I heard it 5 time and time again, but last night when I watched 6 one of the evening news presentations there was a panel of perspective Legislators all bad mouthing it. 8 And so there's a dissonance there that we'd really 9 have to, kind of, figure. How to bridge the gap 10 between either it's misunderstanding or 11 misinformation or something, there's a gap. 12 Then there's always going to be political 13 differences around the way people see it, but when a 14 whole -- when one group says one thing and we have 15 another -- this largely as I heard it in this group 16 of workers, it seems -- it's viewed as a good thing. 17 So there's a gap, but somehow we have to bridge 18 that gap better than we have. So however we can do 19 that, I'm in, so I'll help if I can. I'm done. 20 PEARSON: Yeah. 21 22 KUIPER: I'm all done talking with my hands. 23 PEARSON: Okay. You didn't hit me.

No, I do. I just want to, you know, continue my



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BUTCHER:

PEARSON:

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1		thanks to everybody here and especially to Carrie
2		'cause she does an incredible job keeping Dave and I
3		on line and with all the work that we've been doing,
4		so thanks.
5	BUTCHER:	Jeff.
6	JESSEE:	Even though the trustees have identified both
7		Medicaid reform and criminal justice reform as their
8		two over-arching priorities and housing is absolutely
9		essential to both of them and we look forward to keep
10		working with the team.
11		And I echo Commissioner Williams, we've got to get
12		on with it. We don't have any time to waste.
13	BUTCHER:	Yeah. And I'll just follow-up by saying the same
14		thing. And it's almost, kind of, a two leveled issue
15		where the first level is the policy.
16		Council's like this Council, coming together and
17		trying to determine what makes the most sense, but
18		the whole other level is the level that involves
19		funding, that involved the DHSS, you know,
20	N	responsibilities with their funding and DOC and our
21		Board at AHFC and your Board and so it's a
22		conversation going on, on both sides. And if one of
23		the two sides doesn't line up, it doesn't work.
24		So I just wanted to point out that, you know,
25		there's a lot of moving parts and pieces on this and



it just, kind of, emphasizes how much more work 1 probably has to be planned to have been done to 2 succeed. 3 Okay. If there's nothing else to come before the 4 Council -- oh, sure. 5 Sorry for speaking again, but thank you all for CARLSON: 6 the work that you are doing and talking about this. I just really -- in sitting and listening to this and 8 other meetings that I've participated in this week 9 and actually over the last couple of years, I really 10 feel very compelled to say that it feels very 11 Anchorage heavy. 12 And that's not necessarily a bad thing because the 13 work that Anchorage is doing is fantastic, but being 14 from Fairbanks, from one of the balance of state 15 communities I've had to invite myself and bring my 16 own chair to many of these meetings and it does 17 18 concern me. You know, when you said, you know, you need to 19 20 hear our voices, I feel like some funding decisions are made without, you know, the needs of some of our 21 rural communities. Even I think we're considered 22 urban and when you talk about our services, I don't 23 know that urban is really the best word, but then 24

there's rural communities who don't have any



services.

The needs of our communities are so very different that I think it's really important that our voices are also a part of your work groups and your committees and your presentations before you today and your other meetings because it often feels like the balance of state communities get, kind of, forgotten about because there's so much momentum happening in Anchorage, but that momentum is also happening in other communities and with a little bit of support, not even necessarily financial, I think that momentum would build very quickly and rapidly.

So I just wanted to -- I felt very compelled to say that. Thank you.

BUTCHER: Thank you, we appreciate that. That's something we always take into consideration as we look through everything that we do. I mean, we certainly understand the challenges in rural.

To give you an example, the recidivism that we work with the Department of Corrections on, the reentry that comes in, until this year it existed everywhere but Anchorage. Anchorage was actually the excluded community, so -- but we do pay attention to everything on there and thank you very much for bringing that up.

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4	I, Suzan K. Olson, Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, residing at Anchorage, Alaska, and Electronic Reporter
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